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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE.

WHEREAS H. T. D. Fletcher, of Dixfield, in the county of Oxford and state of Maine, by his mortgage deed, dated the 11th day of November, A. D. 1902, and recorded in the Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book 278, Page 167, conveyed to me, the undersigned, a certain lot or parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Dixfield village, in said Dixfield, on the northeasterly side of the county road leading from Dixfield village to Canton and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point on the northeasterly side of said county road and at the southeasterly corner of the Lewis H. Humphrey homestead lot; Thence northeasterly along said Humphrey lot to the road leading to W. W. Abbott's; Thence southeasterly along said Abbott road and the old road over the Wheeler hill so-called, one hundred and ten feet; Thence southwesterly on a line parallel with said Humphrey's southeast line to said county road and thence northwesterly along said county road one hundred and ten feet to point of beginning, together with all water rights described in said mortgage deed; And whereas the condition of said mortgage has been broken, now therefore, by reason of the breach of the condition thereof, I claim a foreclosure of said mortgage.

Dated at Dixfield, Me., this 29th day of April, A. D. 1904. JOHN S. HARLOW.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Rumford Falls, in and for the County of Oxford, on the second Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, It is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Fryeburg, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1904, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

MARTHA C. CHICK, late of Hiram, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Edgar L. Flint, the executor therein named.

FRANKLIN M. DREW,

Judge of the Probate Court for Androscoggin County, acting in Interchange.

A true copy—attest:

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of JESSE S. BROWN, of East Fryeburg, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Jesse S. Brown in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of May, A. D. 1904, the said Jesse S. Brown was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the Court House, in South Paris, on the 23th day of May, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, May 9, 1904.

GEO. A. WILSON,

Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE.

Ellen E. Douglass having left my bed and board without just cause, all persons are hereby forbidden trusting her on my account for I shall pay none of her bills after this date.

JOSEPH DOUGLASS.

Porter, Me., May 6, 1904.

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD:—

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE, April 20, 1904.

In conformity with the provisions of Sec. 129 of Chap 47 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chap. 52 of the Public Laws of 1903, the following is published as a list of the officers and incorporators of the South Paris Savings Bank elected at the annual election held at said bank on Thursday, the 24th day of March, A. D. 1904, and being within thirty days after such election:

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What Farmers Need Most.

SOUND MINDS IN SOUND BODIES; A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS AND CONSTANT SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

There is no branch of business more important than husbandry. The prosperity of the country depends upon the prosperity of the farmer.

What a farmer needs most is a sound mind in a sound body. This dual soundness in the man is the basis of success. It implies vital energy, moral force, wisdom and other qualities that make up a noble man. If there is in any degree a lack of this soundness it should be acquired. If it is physical unsoundness there is health for him in sunshine, in pure air and the pure food required by the body, with the requisite amount of systematic exercise which may be found largely in the work on the farm. He cannot indulge his appetite in any way detrimental to the body and mind. The mental faculties will become vigorous by exercising them. The mental qualities, good nature, gentleness, bravery, generousness, honesty, truthfulness, and on to the end of the list, may be improved unlimitedly, independent of man's circumstances. Farming is a noble business and the farmer should be a noble man.

The great secret of success in all branches of business is knowing how. Farming is no exception to the general rule. The farmer needs a thorough knowledge of farming.

The educational standards of the farmer are changing with the times. It is important that he keep in step with them. If he has not had the privilege of attending an agricultural college he can gain the needed knowledge through scientific works adapted to his requirements, through the agricultural reports of the experiment stations, through agricultural periodicals, agricultural associations, the grange and farmers' meetings. Everything necessary to his advancement is at the hand of the energetic farmer who would succeed.

If knowing how is the secret of success the price of success is work, work with zeal. Persistent, well directed effort commands success. The successful farmer is systematic. He has a place for everything and sees that everything is in its place, and his work he performs in its allotted time, thereby gaining time. His farm, whether of large or small area, is put into the best state of cultivation. The farm products are properly matured and secured in the best shape, and those for the market command the highest price. The lukewarm farmer will not succeed; he will sink into negligence. Loose ends will be apparent on all sides. Weeds will overshadow the plants.

As the farm animals play a most important part in farming, the farmer who would succeed must make a study of them. He must ascertain their requirements as to food, shelter, health and comfort. He must exercise great and kind care for them. How responsive animals are to kind words uttered in a pleasant tone of voice! They should hear no other. The ox or horse which has been kindly treated will do his utmost for his master when directed kindly. Withal, kindness to animals is a divine injunction, implied, if not direct. The time will come, and may it hasten, when, through invention or discovery, motors will be at a cost within the easy reach of all, making animals no longer the abused beasts of burden they now generally are. The motors will also in a high degree lighten the labor of the farmer.

The farmer and his wife have, or should have, a joint interest in the farming enterprise. With a well ordered household, the wife and husband throughout the year, excepting seed time and harvest, can devote a certain time daily, if only fifteen minutes, with profit and pleasure to the study of the required sciences. The benefit derived from these few so employed minutes would be incalculable, and the pursuing of the different branches of science would afford recreation. The farmers and families of a locality might through the winter season assemble weekly for improvement, and have a course of lectures given by competent persons on the subjects in common pursuit.

Co-operative dairying is a source of profit to the farmers having small dairies, as well as a relief from considerable work, and on the part of the wife relief from much care, as well as labor. Other work, as that of the laundry and cooking, will in time be profitably arranged on the co-operative plan, which will give the wife more hours to devote to her family, to mental culture, to moral and religious duties, to society and to general usefulness in the world.

Culture of the æsthetical taste of the farmer of to-day is apparent in the improvement made in his buildings and grounds. He should give more attention to the improvement of their hygienic conditions. Hygiene is not well understood by the people in general. The state should yearly have a school in each town of at least a week's duration, for giving instruction in hygiene, including the cause of zymotic diseases and their prevention, the sources of water impurities and the remedies.

The farmer's home should be a happy home, one of refinement, where the amenities are in evidence and good nature abounds, one given to hospitality and charity. This home should be a haven of contentment for the farmer and his family. The religious duties should not be neglected, and the moral force should be augmented. The family so reared is well fortified to support what may come to it in the way of reverses or sorrow.

The farmer of to-day is living in a miraculous age—in an age of wonderful discovery and invention, working to his advantage; in an age in which distances are annihilated, as it were, to bring intelligence from the utmost parts of the earth to his doors. He should seize the great opportunities within his reach and rise to the height that is possible to him.

Standing firm on principle, the farmer will be a power in the community, state or country, making his influence felt in righting wrongs and in advancing the welfare of the people.—Cor. in Tribune Farmer.

Various methods of protecting sheep from dogs are used in almost every section where the sheep industry is carried on. Some of them are practical and no doubt would accomplish the object without endangering the sheep. One old raiser gives his methods which he has practised successfully. He made a practice of using a number of bells, as many as half a dozen to the hundred. His reason for doing this was on the theory that when bells would ring the dogs would howl, giving evidence of pain, and still another idea was that the noise would be so great that the dogs would be alarmed. It is believed by many that the sheep-killing dog loves seclusion to do his work of destruction, and still another reason is in its increasing the liability of being discovered and that there is more to be gained by belling the sheep than to take the chances of the still hunt made by the dog thief. The probable effect of the noise made by a lot of bells will be readily seen. "Bell the sheep by all means," he says. "Require the strongest sheep in the flock to carry the bells, for the reason of their ability to withstand the chase of the dog the longest, increasing the chances of detection by some one."—New England Farmer.

Foreign Fads in Fowls.

A WARNING TO AMERICAN POULTRYMEN —STICK TO TESTED BREEDS.

No country in the world contains so many intelligent and successful poultrymen as does the United States. No country has more successful poultry plants, and no country has a greater variety of pure, established and useful strains of breeds. American enterprise has taken the run down and neglected breeds of other countries and fed, bred and perfected them to the highest degree of beauty and profit. American intelligence has produced from the crosses of breeds considered valueless in other lands many new and valuable strains and breeds.

The pioneer fanciers and breeders have put time, study and money into the poultry business, and have not only made it a business and a profession, but have secured for poultry raising a place in the curriculum of our best agricultural colleges. Now, in fashion, in medicine, and even in the arts, and somewhat so in agriculture, there is occasionally a tendency to look with longing eyes upon things brought from over the water.

Take, for instance, the coal tar products of our laboratories—invented here, manufactured here and used here, but now greatly boomed and sold at outrageous prices by foreign manufacturers, who have even had the audacity to apply for patents on processes used here for years. Now they see our poultry business a grand success. They see our large plants and our numerous poultry journals all ahead of them, and they say: "Those Americans are not afraid to put money into chickens; let us go over there and 'do' them with a foreign label." Now, fellow poultrymen, there may be danger in this. Americans will not hesitate to adopt useful innovations, but they should be past the day when they will discard that which they themselves have made, tested and proved. Recently a friend wanted me to test an imported incubator. Really it turned out to be the poorest breeding box I had ever seen, poorly made, awkwardly arranged and absolutely without any adaptation to hatching chickens. I was much surprised to think that an attempt would be made to sell such goods by the side of the many beautiful and successful machines that are made in America.

Then again, look at the immense concerns that are engaged in the exclusive manufacture of poultry foods and poultry supplies. No other country in the world can boast of so many. Notice the great number of patents and inventions on and of articles used in the poultry business. Let us beware how we let any one from across the pond pick up some of our wayback failures and palm them off upon us for new goods. In cattle, swine, sheep and horses we are ahead of any nation upon the globe. We can show specimens of almost any breed that has been imported that for all around scoring and real merit will surpass anything now bred upon the original soil. See what American breeders have done for the Mediterranean breeds. Do you suppose better or more beautiful fowl of any of these breeds can be found in the countries from which these came? Travellers say "no." Our American breeds—Dominiques, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds and some others—are to-day ahead in real value of any new importations. Of course, importations are beneficial for many reasons, but mainly as novelties or for purely experimental purposes. Let the American poultrymen stand by the work of the past, for in no other line has greater progress been made in the United States than in the poultry business. To tear down the grand monnument erected by our old American breeders will be an expensive step backward, and will inevitably lead to confusion and demoralization. The young men coming to the front will build up on the American foundation, and by intelligent and well directed energy on their part America will continue to hold front rank in this, as in many other lines of science and enterprise. Here's to the American poultryman and his little American hen!—Cor. in Tribune Farmer.

Buying Milk by the Test.

Prof. R. A. Pearson in an address recently said: Milk for the market should be bought from the producers on a basis of its fat content and its sanitary condition; its value as a salable product depends upon these two things. Every one knows that 4 per cent milk is worth more than 3 per cent to the dealer, and milk that has been carefully handled is worth more than that which has not. Why should not these two desirable factors be paid for at a fair rate? Almost every argument in favor of paying for milk delivered to a factory, on a fat basis, applies with equal force to market milk and there are just as strong arguments in favor of having the value governed also by the sanitary condition. The Babcock test shows the fat content quickly and accurately. An occasional examination of the producing premises supplemented by tasting and smelling the milk when delivered and the simple dairy industry is rapidly developing in their section, showing that their methods are wise. The president of that company told me recently that most patrons deliver the higher price cream, or soon patronize another creamery, where there is no discrimination between good and bad. If a creamery finds it profitable to differentiate between good and poor cream at the rate of 6 to 10 cents per hundred pounds of milk, the buyer of market milk would find it profitable also to adopt such a plan.

Bright Outlook for Dairy Cows.

Farmers should make a practice of testing and weighing their milk. It is not necessary that every man own a Babcock tester; but there should be one in every dairy community. Then analyze the milk at least twice per year, one at the early period of lactation and the other when the cow is well along in the period. The milk can be weighed three times a month at a minimum cost. By combining the analysis with the weight, you can tell which cow is paying her keep and which one is being kept at a loss.

Some time ago the Vermont station bought from a state dairyman a cow for $45. The dairyman had never made a test, but he was of the opinion that she was unprofitable. The college kept an account of the cow's butter record. Her lowest average for a year was 400 pounds and her highest 537 pounds. The butter sold at 25 to 30 cents per pound. It will thus be seen that she paid for herself two or three times each year; still the dairyman was anxious to get rid of her. There are many farmers just like this; they sell the wrong cows.—Prof. J. C. Hills.

An express messenger tells of having in his car at one time a genuine "nigger" hound valued at $50, a vicious fellow. All at once the dog came tearing out of the crate, and when the train stopped at a water tank, the messenger did not try to close the door, but let him "hit the trail". In fact, helped him all that he could by throwing coal at him from top of the highest pile of trunks in the car. He made up his mind to make a report of the whole matter and pay for the dog, though it meant loss of a month's wages. When the train stopped a negro boy came along with an exact counterpart, except the biting qualities, of the lost dog, and the messenger said, "Say, Bill, do you want to sell that dog?" "Yas, boss." Well, he bought the dog for fifty cents and put him in the crate; and until this day that dog man is selling full blood "bloodhounds" from that 50-cent dog—or his get. The messenger afterward visited his kennels and heard him blow about his fine dog that he paid $50 for at P—.

For Love of Country

By CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY,

Author of "The Grip of Honor," "The Southerners," "Sir Henry Morgan, Buccaneer," "A Doctor of Philosophy," Etc.

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"Did you have a pleasant ride up the river, Katharine?" asked her father.

"Very, sir," she answered, blushing violently and looking involuntarily at Seymour, who matched her blush with his own.

There was a painful pause, which Seymour broke, coming to the rescue with a counter question.

"Did you notice that small sloop creeping up under the west bank of the river, colonel, this evening? I should think she must be opposite the house now, if the wind has held."

"Why, when did you see her, Mr. Seymour? I thought you were looking at—at"— She broke off in confusion under her father's searching gaze. He smiled and said:

"Ah, Katharine, trained eyes see all things unusual about them, although they are apparently bent persistently upon one spot. Yes, Seymour, I did notice it. If we were farther down the river we might suspect it of being an enemy, but up here I fancy even Dunmore's malevolence would scarcely dare to follow."

Katharine looked up in alarm. "Oh, father, do you think it is quite safe? Chloe told me that Phœbus told her that the raiders had visited Major Lithcomb's plantation, and you know that it is not more than fifty miles down the river from us. Would it not be well to take some precaution?"

"Tut, tut, child! Gossip of the negro servants!" The colonel waved it aside carelessly. "I hardly think we have anything to fear at present, though what his lordship may do in the end unless he is checked I hardly like to imagine."

"But, father," persisted Katharine, "they said that Johnson was in command of the party, and you know he hates you. You remember he said he would get even with you if it cost him his life when you had him turned out of the club at Williamsburg."

"Pshaw, Katharine! That wretch would not dare. It is a cowardly blackguard, Seymour, whom I saw cheating at cards at the Assembly club at the capital. I had him expelled from the society of gentlemen, where, indeed, he had no right of admittance, and I scarcely know how he got there originally. He made some threats against me, to which I naturally paid no attention. But what did you think of the vessel?"

"I confess I saw nothing suspicious about her, sir," replied Seymour. "She seemed very much like the packets which ply on the river. I only spoke idly of the subject."

"But, father, the packet went up last week, the day before you came back, and is due coming down the river now, while this boat is coming up," said Katharine.

"Oh, well, I think we are safe enough now, but to relieve your unusual anxiety I will send Blodgett down to the wharf to examine and report. Blodgett, do you go down to the boat landing and keep watch for an hour or two. Take your musket, man. There is no knowing what you might need it for."

The old soldier, who had stationed himself behind the colonel's chair, saluted with military precision and left the room, saying: "Very good, sir. I shall let nothing escape my notice, sir."

"Now, Katharine, I hope you are satisfied."

"Yes, father; but if it is the raiders Blodgett won't be able to stop them."

"The raiders!" laughed the colonel, and pinching his daughter's ear he said: "I suspect the only raiders we shall see here will be those who have designs upon your heart, my bonny Kate. Eh, Seymour?"

"They would never dare to wear a British uniform in that case, father," she retorted proudly.

"Well, Seymour, I hear through an express from congress today that Captain Jones has been ordered to command the Ranger and that the new flag—we will drink to it if you please; yes, you, too, Katharine; God bless every star and stripe in it—will soon be seen on the ocean."

"It will be a rare sight there, sir," said Seymour, "but it will not be long before the exploits of the Ranger will make it known on the high seas if rumor does not belie her captain."

"I trust so. But do you know this Captain Jones?"

"Not at all, sir, save by reputation. But I am told he has one requisite for a successful officer."

"And what is that?"

"He will fight anything at any time or at any place, no matter what the odds."

Colonel Wilton smiled. "Ah, well, if it were not for men of that kind our little navy would never have a chance."

"No, father, nor the army either. If we waited for equality before fighting I am afraid we should wait forever."

"True, Katharine. By the way, have you seen Talbot today?"

"No, father."

"I wish that we might enlist his services in the cause. I don't think there is much doubt about Talbot himself, is there?"

"No. It is his mother, you know. She is a loyalist to the core. As were her ancestors, so is she."

The colonel nodded gently. He had a soft spot in his heart for the subject of their discussion. "With her teaching and training I can well understand it, Katharine. Proud, of high birth, descended from the 'loyal Talbots' and the widow of one of them, she cannot bear the thought of rebellion against the king. I don't think she cares much for the people or their liberties either."

"Yes, father. With her the creed is, the king can do no wrong."

"Ah, well," said the colonel reflectively, "I thought so, too, once, and many is the blow I have struck for this same king. But liberty is above royalty, independence not a dweller in the court, so in my old age I find myself on a different side." He sipped his wine thoughtfully a moment and continued:

"Madam Talbot has certainly striven to restrain the boy, and successfully so far. He is a splendid fellow. I wish we had him. He would be of great service to the cause, with his name and influence and the money he would bring, and then the quality of the young man himself would be of value to us. You have met him, Seymour, I believe?"

"Yes, sir, several times, and I agree with you entirely. It is his mother who keeps him back. I have had one or two conversations with her. She is a Tory through and through."

"Not a doubt of it, not a doubt of it," said the colonel. "Katharine, can't you do something with him?"

"Oh, father, you know that I have talked with him, pleaded with him and begged him to follow his inclination, but he remains by his mother."

"Nonsense, Katharine! Don't speak of him in that way. Give him time. It is a hard thing. He is her only son; she is a widow. Let us hope that something will induce him to come over to us." He said this in gentle reproof of his spirited daughter, and then:

"Permit me to offer you a glass of wine, Seymour—you are not drinking anything, and to whom shall we drink?"

Seymour, who had been quaffing deep draffs of Katharine's beauty, replied promptly:

"If I might suggest, sir, I should say Mistress Wilton."

"No, no," said Katharine. "Drink, first of all, to the success of our cause. I will give you a toast, gentlemen: Before our sweethearts, our sisters, our wives, our mothers, let us place—our country!" she exclaimed, lifting her own glass.

The colonel laughed as he drank his toast, saying, "Nothing comes before country with Katharine."

And Seymour, while he appreciated the spirit of the maiden, felt a little pang of grief that even to a country he should be second—an astonishing change from that spirit of humility which a moment since contented itself with metaphorically kissing the ground she walked upon.

"By the way, father, where is Philip?" asked Katharine.

"He went up the branch fishing, with Bentley, I believe."

"But isn't it time they returned? Do you know, I feel nervous about them. Suppose those raiders"—

"Pshaw, child! Still harping on the raiders—and nervous too! What ails you, daughter? I thought you never were nervous. We Wiltons are not accustomed to nervousness, you know, and what must our guest think?"

"Nothing but what is altogether agreeable," replied Seymour, a little too promptly, and then, to cover his confusion, he continued: "But I think Miss Wilton need feel under no apprehension. Master Philip is with Bentley, and I would trust the prudence and courage and skill of that man in any situation. You know my father, who was a shipmaster, when he died aboard his ship in the China seas, gave me, a little boy taking a cruise with him, into Bentley's charge, and told him to make a sailor and a man of me, and from that day he has never left me. At my house, in Philadelphia, he is a privileged character. There never was a truer, better, braver man; and as for patriotism, love of country is a passion with him, colonel. He might set an example to many in higher station in that particular."

"Yes, I have noticed that peculiarity about the man. I think Philip is safe enough with him, Katharine, even if those— Ha! what is that?" The colonel sprang to his feet as the sound of a musket shot rang out in the night air, followed by one or two pistol shots and then a muffled cry.

CHAPTER IV.

"OH, father, it must be the raiders! That was Blodgett's voice!" cried Katharine, looking very pale and clasping her hands.

"Let me go and investigate, colonel," said Seymour, leaping to his feet and seizing his sword.

"Do so, Seymour!" cried the colonel as the sailor hastily left the room. "Phœbus," to the butler, "go tell Cæsar to call the slaves to the house. You, Scipio," to one of the footmen, "go open the arm chest. Katharine, reach me my sword. See that the doors are closed, Billy," said the colonel to the other servant rapidly and with perfect coolness. "I think, Katharine, that perhaps you would better retire to your room." But even as he spoke the sound of hurried footsteps and excited voices outside was heard. After a few moments one of the field hands, followed by Seymour, burst panting into the room, his mouth working with excitement and his eyes almost starting from his head.

"Well, sir, what is it?" said the colonel.

"Foh de Lawd's sake, suh, dey'se a-comin', suh; dey'se a-comin'! Dey'se right behin' me! Dey'll be heah in a minute, suh!"

"Who is coming, you idiot?" exclaimed the colonel.

"De redcoats, de British sojuhs, suh. Dey'se fohty boat loads ob 'em. Dey'se come off fum de lil' sloop out in de ribah, and dey'se gwine kill we all and bu'n de house down. Dey done shot Mars' Blodgett, and dey'se comin' heah special to get you, suh, Mars' Kunnel, kase I heahd dem say when I was lyin' down on de wha'f dat de man dey wanted was dat Kunnel Wilton."

"It is quite true, sir. They seem to be a party of raiders of some sort," said Seymour coolly. "I fear that Blodgett has been killed, as I heard nothing of him. I saw them from the brow of the hill. Perhaps you may escape by the back way, though there is little time for that. Do you take Miss Wilton and try it, sir. Leave me to hold these men in play."

"Yes, yes, father," urged Katharine. "I know it must be Lord Dunmore's men and Johnson. They know that you have come back from France, and now the man wants to take you prisoner. You remember what the governor told you at Williamsburg—that he would make you rue the day you cast your lot in with the colonists and refused to assist him in the prosecution of his measures. And you know we have been warned at least a dozen times about it. Oh, what shall we do? Do fly, and let me stay here and receive these men."

"What! My daughter, do you think a Wilton has ever left his house to be defended by his guest and by a woman! Seymour, I believe, however, as an officer in the service of our country, your best course is to leave while there is yet time."

"I will never leave you, sir. I will stay here with you and Mistress Katharine and share whatever fate may have in store for you."

But even as he spoke the crowding footsteps of many men were heard at both entrances to the wide hallway which ran through the house. At the same moment the door was violently thrown open and the dining room was filled with an irregular mass of motley, ragged, red coated men, whose reckless demeanor and hardened faces indicated that they had been recruited from the lowest and most depraved classes of the inhabitants of the colony. They were led by a middle aged man of dissipated appearance, whose rough and brutal aspect was not concealed by the captain's uniform he wore, nor was the malicious triumph in his bearing and in his voice veiled by the mock courtesy with which he advanced, pistol in hand.

"What means this intrusion, sir?" shouted Colonel Wilton in a voice of thunder.

"This is Colonel Wilton, I believe, is it not?" said the leader of the band, taking off his hat.

"Yes, sir, it is; you, Mr. Johnson, should be the last to forget it, and I desire to know at once the meaning of this outrageous descent upon a peaceful dwelling."

The man bowed low with mock courtesy. "I shall have to ask your pardon, my dear sir, for appearing before the great Colonel Wilton so unceremoniously. But my orders, I regret to say, allow me no discretion whatever; they are imperative. You are my prisoner. I have been sent here by my Lord Dunmore, the governor of this colony of Virginia, to secure the persons of some of the principal rebellious subjects of his majesty King George, and your name, unfortunately, is the first and chiefest on the list. I shall have to request you to accompany me at once."

The hilt of his blade crushed against the man's throat.

"The master of the situation smiled mockingly, and the colonel, white with anger, looked about the room. Resistance was perfectly hopeless; all the windows even were now blocked up by the irregular soldiery.

"He has chosen a fit man to do his work," said the colonel, in haughty scorn; "falling gentlemen, he must needs take blackguards and bullies into his service as housebreakers and raiders."

Johnson flushed visibly, as he said with another bow, "Colonel Wilton would better remember that I am master now."

"Sir, I am not likely to forget it. There is the family plate. I presume, from what I know of your habits, that will not be overlooked by you."

"Quite so," he returned; "it will doubtless be a welcome contribution to the treasury of his majesty's colony. Mistress Wilton's diamonds also," he said meaningly, and then, turning to two of his men, "Williams, you and Jones bundle up the plate in the tablecloth, get what's on the sideboard too." Then, laying his pistols down upon the table, he continued, "But before Colonel Wilton insults me again it might be well for him to remember that I am master not only of his person, but of the persons of all others who are in this room."

The colonel started, and Johnson laughed, looking with insolence from Katharine to her father.

"What, sir! I reach through your insolent pride now, do I? Curse you!" with sudden heat, throwing off even the mask of politeness he had hardly worn. "I swore I would have revenge for that insult at Williamsburg, and now it's my hour. You are to go with me, and go peaceably and quietly, or I'll have you kicked and dragged out of the building, or killed like that old fool who tried to stop us coming up on the landing."

"What! Blodgett, my old friend Blodgett? You villain, you haven't dared to kill him, have you? Oh, my faithful"—

"Silence, sir! We dare anything. What consideration has a rebel a right to expect at the hands of his majesty's faithful rangers? You, Bruce and Denton, seize the old man. If he makes any trouble knock him down, or kill him for aught I care. One of you take the girl there. As for you, sir," to Seymour, who had been quietly watching the scene, "I don't know who you are, but you are in bad company, and you will have to consider yourself a prisoner. I trust you have sense enough to come without force being used. And so," clapping his hat on his head defiantly, "God save the king!"

Two of the soldiers seized the colonel in spite of the vigorous resistance he made and another approached Katharine, who had stood with clasped hands during the whole of the colloquy between Johnson and her father. The soldier rudely chucked her under the chin, saying: "Come on, my pretty one. You'll give us a kiss, won't you, before we start?" As she drew back, paling at the insult, Seymour, who had seen and heard it all, quick as a flash drew his sword and threw himself upon the soldier. One rapid thrust at the surprised man he made with all the force and skill begotten of long practice and a strong arm, and the hilt of his blade crushed against the man's throat, and he fell dead upon the floor.

At the same instant one of the other soldiers, who had observed the action, struck Seymour over the head with his clubbed musket, and he also fell heavily to the floor and lay there senseless and still, blood running from a fearful looking wound in his forehead. The room was filled with tumult in an instant, and with shouts of "Kill him!" "Shove your bayonet through the rebel hound!" "Shoot him!" "Kill him!" the men moved toward Seymour. Johnson looked on unconcernedly.

"Good heavens!" shrieked the colonel, writhing in the grasp of the men who held him. "Are you going to allow a senseless, wounded man to be murdered before your eyes? Oh, how could anybody ever mistake you for a gentleman for an instant?" he added, with withering contempt, and then, turning his head toward the fierce soldiery, "Stop, stop, you bloody assassins!" he cried.

"Silence, sir! He might as well die this way as on the gallows. Besides, he struck the first blow, and he has killed one of his majesty's loyal soldiers. The soldier only wanted to kiss the girl anyway, and she will find before she gets to camp that kisses are cheap."

"Oh, my God!" groaned the father. "And they call this war!"

At this moment one of the soldiers lifted his bayonet to plunge it into the prostrate form of the unconscious sailor. There was a blinding flash of light in the room and a quick, sharp report. The man's arm dropped to his side, and he shrieked and groaned with pain. Katharine, unnoticed in the confusion, had slipped to the side of the table and had quickly picked up one of the pistols which Johnson had laid upon it after the silver had been taken away. Her ready decision and unerring aim had saved her lover's life. She threw the smoking pistol she had used with such effect down at her feet, and, seizing the other, she stepped over to the side of her unconscious lover.

"I swear," she said, in a shrill, high pitched voice which just escaped a scream, and which trembled with the agitation of the moment, "by my hope of heaven, if a single man of you lay hands on him he shall have this bullet also, you cowards!"

After a moment's hesitation, amid shouts of "Kill the girl!" the men surged toward her. Chloe, her black maid, flung herself upon her mistress' breast.

"Oh, honey, I let dem kill me fust."

"Well done, Kate! It's the true Wilton blood. Oh, if I had a free arm, you villains!" cried the still struggling colonel.

"Seize the girl," Johnson commanded promptly, "and let us get out of this!"

The men made a rush toward the table where Katharine stood undaunted, her face flushed with excitement, her mouth tense with resolution. She cried:

"Have a care, men! Have a care!"

One life she could still command with her loaded pistol. Her hands did not tremble. She waited to strike once more for love and country, but it would be all over in a moment.

The colonel groaned in agony, "Kate, Kate!" but they were almost upon her when a new voice rose above the uproar:

"Hold! Are you men? Do you war with old men and women? Back with you! Get back, you dogs! Back, I say!"

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Mystery of the Popular Novel.

"We are apt to think," says the New York Evening Post, "that the selling of poor novels by the hundred thousand is a modern phenomenon in the book trade; but, in fact, it is not entirely new. In one of the group of Hawthorne's letters he says: 'What is the mystery of these innumerable editions of "The Lamplighter" and other books neither better nor worse?—worse they could not be, and better they need not be when they sell by the hundred thousand.' The question is a little pathetic when we remember that Hawthorne a little before this time had spoken of himself as the least read author in America. It shows, too, that the mystery of the popular novel was as great then as it is today. One could understand why a thrilling tale of cheaply concocted adventure might captivate the multitude, but the curious point is that some of the high sellers are simply dull and respectable. These things, too, lie on the knees of the gods."

Strange Provision of Guardianship.

The following is a literal transcript of the second clause of a will filed and probated in a Wisconsin county a few years since: "I hereby commit the guardianship of all my children until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty-one years unto my said wife during her life and from and after her decease unto my much esteemed friend, —, his executors and assigns."—Green Bag.

Agreed.

"I'd hate to feel," she said, "that I was the wife of a man who had bought me simply for my beauty."

"Yes," her friend replied. "I don't blame you. Being married to a blind man would be awfully disagreeable, I should think."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Brain and Brawn.

Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickax? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

Ginger.

If every man would put as much ginger into his work as a pig puts into motion when it scratches its back against a board fence, there would be fewer failures in this world.—Utica Herald.

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Coming Events.

May 25—State Prohibition convention, Portland.
May 26.—Annual meeting of Oxford County Sunday School Association, Mechanic Falls.
June 1—Democratic District convention, Auburn.
June 14.—Oxford Pomona Grange, Albany.
June 15—Democratic State convention, Portland.
June 15, 16.—Oxford Association of Universalists, Bethel.
June 29.—Republican state gubernatorial convention, Bangor.
July 1.—Republican county convention, South Paris.

A Republican State Convention

— WILL BE HELD IN —

City Hall, - - Bangor.

Wed., June 29, '04

— AT 1:30 O'CLOCK, P. M. —

for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor to be supported at the September Election, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each City, Town and Plantation will be entitled to one delegate; and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1902, an additional delegate; and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 votes a further additional delegate. Vacancies in the delegation of any City, Town or Plantation can only be filled by residents of the County in which the vacancies exist.

The State Committee will be in session in the reception room of the Hall at 12.30 o'clock P. M. on the day of the Convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates. Delegates, in order to be eligible to participate in the Convention, must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this Convention.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political affiliation, who believe in the principles of the Republican Party, and endorse its policies, are cordially invited to unite under this call in electing delegates to this Convention.

Per Order, Republican State Committee:
F. M. SIMPSON, Chairman.
BYRON BOYD, Secretary.
Bangor, April 28th, 1904.

Under this call, the several towns and plantations in Oxford County will be entitled to the number of delegates given below:

Albany,	1	Norway,	4
Andover,	2	Oxford,	3
Bethel,	4	Paris,	5
Brownfield,	3	Peru,	1
Buckfield,	1	Porter,	2
Byron,	1	Rumford,	7
Canton,	3	Roxbury,	1
Denmark,	1	Stow,	1
Dixfield,	2	Stoneham,	2
Fryeburg,	3	Sumner,	2
Gilead,	1	Sweden,	2
Grafton,	1	Upton,	1
Greenwood,	1	Waterford,	2
Hanover,	1	Woodstock,	3
Hartford,	1		
Hebron,	1	PLANTATIONS:	
Hiram,	2	Lincoln,	1
Lovell,	2	Magalloway,	1
Mason,	1	Milton,	1
Mexico,	4		
Newry,	1	Total,	74

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican voters of the County of Oxford, in the State of Maine, are requested to meet at the Court House at South Paris, on Friday, the 1st day of July, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county offices, to be supported at the September election, to wit: Senator, Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, County Attorney, one County Commissioner, and Sheriff. Also to choose a Republican County Committee for the years 1905 and 1906.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each town and plantation organized for election purposes will be entitled to one delegate, and for each 75 votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1902 an additional delegate, and for a fraction of 40 votes in excess of 75 votes an additional delegate.

The Republican County Committee will be in session at the grand jury room at the Court House at South Paris, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

Delegates in order to be eligible to participate in the convention must be elected subsequent to the date of the call for this convention.

Per order Republican County Committee.
B. H. HASTINGS, Chairman.
ARTHUR E. FORBES, Secretary.
Dated at South Paris, Maine, May 9, 1904.

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Teachers' Convention.

The Oxford County teachers' convention was held at Oxford, May 13 and 14, the forenoon session of Friday being called to order by Hon. W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of public schools. An address of welcome was given by Rev. Frederick Newport, to which response was made on behalf of the state by Professor A. J. Roberts of Waterville; on behalf of the county by Superintendent Alton C. Wheeler of Paris; and on behalf of the town, by Principal E. H. Pratt of Oxford.

The afternoon session of Friday was devoted to matters of special interest in the primary and intermediate grades, with papers by several teachers and an address by Professor Roberts of Waterville on "The Three R's."

At the evening session addresses were given by Professor Roberts on "The Duties of Parents toward Schools," by Superintendent Payson Smith of Auburn on "School Improvements," and by State Superintendent Stetson on "Negro Education as Seen at Hampton, Tuskegee and Calhoun."

The session of Saturday forenoon was devoted to questions relating to high school work.

At the business session the following officers were elected:

President—C. P. Barnes, Norway.
Vice-President—F. E. Hanscom, Bethel.
Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Geneva C. Hutchins, Rumford Falls.
Executive Committee—Alton C. Wheeler, South Paris, B. M. Clough, Rumford Falls, C. Wilbur Cary, Rumford Falls.

It was voted to hold the next meeting at Rumford Falls. Also voted to hold but one meeting a year, and that in the fall.

State Superintendent Stetson announced that summer schools will be held at Stonington, Camden, Wilton and Limerick.

Fifty-seven teachers were registered.

The convention was exceptionally interesting, and much enthusiasm was manifested.

1804.—Hebron Academy.—1904.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

Sunday, June 12, 1904. Baccalaureate Sermon at 11 o'clock in the Baptist church by Rev. George E. Horr, D. D., of Boston.

Monday, June 13. Examinations of lower classes. Annual Prize Debate in the church at 8 o'clock P. M.

Tuesday, June 14. Meeting of the trustees at 10 A. M. Base ball game at 1 o'clock, Westbrook against Hebron Academy. Reception by the senior class to alumni and friends at Sturtevant Home from 8 o'clock to 10.

Wednesday, June 15. Graduation exercises at the church at 10 A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M. Concert by Temple Quartette of Boston in the church at 8 o'clock P. M.

Thursday, June 16. Centennial celebration of the academy. Oration at 10:30 A. M. by Ex. Gov. John D. Long. Dinner at 12:30. Speeches in the church at 3 o'clock P. M.

On this day special trains morning and evening on the P. and R. F. Ry. north and south to accommodate those coming in the morning and returning at night.

It is said that the Maine Central had planned to put up a new station at Bangor this year, to cost between $250,000 and $350,000, but it has been given up owing to the unsettled condition of labor affairs in that city.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. H. H. Bishop, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M. Y. P. S. C. E. Sunday afternoon at 3. Sabbath Evening Service at 7:30 P. M. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

Mrs. A. T. Forbes, who has been visiting in Lexington, Mass., for the past three months, returned home Wednesday.

Prentiss Cummings came from Brookline, Mass., on Wednesday, and Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. Davies and Miss Polly on Friday, and the Ingraham house is open for the summer.

The Universalist Ladies' Sewing Circle will meet with Miss Winifred Willis Thursday afternoon. All are cordially invited.

Reception to be given to Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Bishop Friday evening, May 27, at 7:30 o'clock in Cummings Hall. The Baptist society will give a reception to their retiring pastor and wife. All members of the church and parish are most cordially invited to be present. A special invitation is also given to the Universalist society and to any friends who may wish to come.

Rev. H. H. Bishop has been in Avon, Mass., for a few days, and the Baptist pulpit was supplied on Sunday by Isaac R. McCombe of Hebron Academy.

Miss Jeannie Hubbard is here from Boston for a short visit.

Eight or ten guests are already at The Beeches.

East Hebron.

Fruit trees are laden with buds, and the grass is growing finely.

H. A. Record has gone to Old Orchard gardening for a week, and will remain if he likes the job.

John Freeman is setting fruit trees for H. A. Record.

Mrs. Farris from Oxford is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lee Thomas.

Mrs. Jennie Hodsdon returned to Waterville last Monday.

The sick are slowly improving.

B. Phillips and A. M. Fogg recently measured the distance from Marshall's Corner to John Harper's for a telephone on that line.

The mail is sometimes missent on this line of road and not received for several weeks but comes to hand well labeled.

L. R. Hodsdon and Frank Packard are having their buildings painted by Jordan and Chase of Buckfield.

Edwin Allen is preparing to paint his buildings in Turner.

Work has been lively in the blacksmith's line through the long storm.

Mr. Lane is at work on his place of late, but passes a part of his time in his other home in New Auburn.

Mrs. Frank Pierce is visiting relatives in Lewiston.

Denmark.

Mr. Geo. Webb still remains very sick and is not expected to recover.

Mr. P. W. Swan of Winchester, Mass., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones.

The past week has been a continuous rain and the farmers are complaining of wet ground and not able to do any ploughing or other work upon the land.

Mr. Joseph Colby is reported sick.

On account of the wet weather the surveyors of logs have been obliged to lie off and no work has been done the past week.

Dr. Shaw has been in Portland for a few days the past week.

Mr. Dudley Perkins remains quite feeble.

Wilson's Mills.

The Berlin Mills Co. began sluicing logs through Aziscoos May 8th.

Game warden, F. E. Jorgenson, now has an assistant, a Mr. Adams from the Kennebec region. He has a large territory to go over.

Fred Shaw is working for Ernest Bennett.

Azel Wilson has gone to Pleasant Island to cook in a camp.

A few of the ladies in our neighborhood, kindly assisted by the teacher, Mr. Smith, cleaned the church last Saturday, anticipating the return of Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Tuck, some time during the week.

The teacher, Mr. Smith, and his scholars are working hard clearing up the school house grounds and preparing exercises for Memorial Day.

Grass is looking fine and vegetation making rapid progress during the warm days of the past week.

Hartford.

Charles E. Hutchinson has been having a serious time with his hand. He stuck a stub in his hand while building a fence.

Joseph Child, who has had pneumonia, is improving in health.

James Billings is suffering with rheumatism.

Roscoe Child has another attack of the rheumatism. He has been disabled for about three years.

Dr. Marston of West Sumner is having fine success as a physician. He is a thorough medical student and is very popular.

Mr. Gerry of the Minot Packing Company is in town and reports that he is obtaining a good acreage of corn this season.

Norway Lake.

Mrs. J. S. Kneeland was called to Mechanic Falls this week to attend the funeral of her brother's wife, Mrs. Humphrey Herrick.

Norway Lake Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Mary Perry June 1st.

Mothers' Club with Mrs. Ella Perry May 24th.

The new officers of the School League are:

President—Lizzie Lasselle.
Vice President—Maud Partridge.
Secretary—Frances Partridge.
Treasurer—Iva J. Wood.
Executive Committee—Lizzie Lasselle, Maude Wood and Mae Pride.

East Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rolfe have another little son which was born the 12th.

Otis Martin passed away during the night of the 16th, aged 71. The funeral occurred Wednesday, the remains being taken to South Paris for burial. He leaves a widow who is in very poor health.

Mexico.

Swift River Grange, No. 107, was organized at Mexico May 10th, with twenty-five charter members. Thirty applications were received at the first meeting. The officers are:

Master—Ira T. Wing.
Overseer—O. P. Smith.
Lecturer—W. J. Binford.
Steward—Thomas L. Weeks.
Assistant Steward—O. J. Henry.
Chaplain—Mrs. Thomas L. Weeks.
Treasurer—George Gleason.
Secretary—D. O. Gleason.
Gate Keeper—Virgil Binford.
Ceres—Mrs. Ira T. Wing.
Pomona—Mrs. George Gleason.
Flora—Mary Gleason.
Lady Assistant Steward—Mrs. O. P. Smith.

Buckfield.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of Mountain Grange were entertained at tea on Saturday, May 14th, by Mrs. Arthur S. Hall. In the evening about fifty listened to a musical and literary entertainment, after which ice cream and cake were sold, proceeds going towards the piano for the new Grange Hall at North Buckfield. There are many good workers in this order, and a bright future is predicted for this grange.

May 27th there will be an entertainment at the school house at North Buckfield and ice cream and cake for sale. All are cordially invited.

South Rumford.

Miss Marge Fleck from Harrison is visiting friends on Hall Hill and in Peru Annex.

M. L. Wyman has had a bath room finished off and will have his hot air furnace taken out and a hot water one put in.

Wallie Clark is having his kitchen enlarged, and finished with cupboards, drawers, etc., and new floors laid in hall, dining room and kitchen.

W. A. Wyman has had four chambers finished, also a hall and dining room and several other changes made.

West Paris.

Onward Rebekah Lodge will hold a fair and sale in Centennial Hall next Thursday, May 26th, afternoon and evening. There will be a fancy work table, apron table, lunch counter, ice cream and candy booth, bag lines, doll, etc. There will also be an album quilt and nice silk quilt for sale. The evening's entertainment will consist of musical selections by Mrs. Farnum, Miss Millett and Alice Barden, a fan drill by eight young ladies and a 40 minute farce entitled "Two of a Kind," with the following cast of characters:

Mrs. Rebecca Rhubarb,..Mrs. Mildred F. Davis.
Miss Araminta Rhubarb, ...
.....Miss Bertha A. Emmons.
Miss Ketura Melon, ...Mrs. Cora D. Lurvey.
Mr. Parsley Endive,.....Mr. C. L. Eldon.
Mr. Joshua Buckley,.....Mr. J. H. Cole.

Lunch will be served at all hours both afternoon and evening. Admission to hall, afternoon free, evening 10 cts. Curtain rises at 8 P. M. Everybody cordially invited.

Mrs. Lucinda Small returned from Massachusetts several days ago.

Mr. Vernal Bates has been spending the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bates.

Mrs. Minnie Merrill of Bridgewater, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. T. Flavin.

Mr. H. H. Bates has broken up housekeeping since his return to New Haven, Conn. Miss Delia H. Lane, who has been working in his family for some time, came here Monday night of last week, and is now staying with her brother, C. Howard Lane.

Several delegates from here went to the county W. C. T. U. convention at South Paris, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, and report a profitable and enjoyable session.

Dr. F. Y. Gilbert of Portland, a specialist on diseases of the eye and ear, visited Dr. F. E. Wheeler over Sunday last week. He came to do some special work for Dr. Wheeler in his practice and will come again soon. Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler will be away the first week in June for a vacation, at which time he will attend the Maine Medical Association at Portland. Dr. Wheeler has an increasing practice and takes this vacation for a needed rest and change from the labors of his profession.

Several in town are interested in poultry raising. Walter Ricker had fine success with one hen which he set upon 15 eggs, and she proudly hatched as many Plymouth Rock chickens. However, early chickens have not in the majority of cases hatched as well as usual. H. G. Brown is making preparations to raise some chickens this summer and already has 250 eggs in process of hatching.

All likelihood of further cases of scarlet fever is past and school has resumed as usual.

Miss Jennie L. Bradbury is teaching the Patch Mountain school in Greenwood.

A series of ball games is being held here on Saturday afternoons. This week the game was between West Paris and Oxfords.

There was a social dance at Dunham's Hall last Friday evening.

Last Wednesday evening Granite Lodge, F. and A. M., had invited guests from South Paris Masonic Lodge and conferred special degree work. A supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Sibley of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting L. M. Mann. Mr. Mann and his mother have taken their guests on a fishing trip in the lake region.

The programme for the Memorial exercises which are to be held here Monday of next week is given in another column of the Democrat. Our citizens are looking forward to a pleasant occasion, and are glad that the school children may have this opportunity as an object lesson to more deeply impress upon their minds the value of true patriotism. It is hoped that a large number will be present from all the surrounding sections. There will be appropriate exercises at the cemetery in the forenoon, and in the afternoon a suitable programme and address at Dunham's Hall. At noon a free dinner will be served at Centennial Hall for all visitors who are soldiers and all members of the W. R. C. This includes all in this vicinity who are members of the G. A. R., or who were in the late Cuban War. All others are expected to bring their own lunch or be entertained with friends.

The saw mill and die block business owned by the late N. J. Cushman has been sold to Irish Brothers & Co. of Buckfield. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wardwell have moved into the lower part of the house owned by Mrs. Cushman. Mr. Wardwell has a partnership in the business. Mr. Luther Irish comes here also and will board with them for the present. Mrs. Cushman will be here a part of the time this summer.

West Sumner.

The funeral of Mr. Oliver Bonney was held at his late home on May 15, Rev. Mr. Muttart of East Sumner officiating.

Several of our young people attended a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cole of Redding last Friday evening. All report a most delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buck and child recently visited friends at Bryant's Pond.

Mr. William Glover of Livermore Falls was in this place Sunday.

Harry Crockett, who is at work for Mr. White, the contractor, was also at home for that day.

James Packard was at home from Redding over Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Lothrop is suffering from a sudden and severe attack of rheumatism but is better at this writing, May 17.

Mrs. Helen Robertson, who was called to Massachusetts a few weeks ago by the illness of her son, returned May 17 bringing her son with her. It is hoped he may regain his full health and strength here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bisbee are entertaining guests from Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Field are visiting relatives in Dixfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Farrar are moving into the rent in the house owned by H. W. Dunham & Sons.

Mr. Wilson Ryerson is visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosetta Ryerson. Mr. Ryerson arrived home Saturday, May 14, from St. Louis, where he has been employed for the past year on many of the great buildings for the exposition.

East Sumner.

Asa A. Robinson left home for a fishing and guiding trip at Lake Auburn on Thursday.

Rev. L. W. Muttart and wife, S. C. Heald and wife, and Lester Robinson and wife went with their teams to Lewiston on Wednesday.

Asa Robinson, senior, is stopping at A. L. Robinson's in Auburn.

Rev. P. E. Miller will give an address at East Sumner on Thursday evening, June 2d, on the occasion of the Congregational church roll call.

Quite a lot of sportsmen are passing up the line to the lakes where fishing is said to be very good.

Cyrus B. Heald, formerly of East Sumner, is now located at Sabattus village, having recently moved from Norridgewock.

Henry Ripley has bought the Stephen Doten place.

Oxford.

Rev. C. E. Seliger has invited T. A. Roberts Post and Relief Corps to attend services on Memorial Sunday at the M. E. church. It is expected that Gen. C. P. Mattocks will deliver the address on Memorial Day.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Gammon was held at Otisfield Saturday.

Wm. Twombly's little boy is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Mary Dawes is at home from Auburn where she spent the winter with her son.

Leonard Gammon of Augusta was here last week to attend the funeral of his mother.

Hebron.

Dr. Crane preached at Mechanic Falls last Sunday in exchange.

There was the usual meeting of the Ladies' Circle Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Bearce is at home from Massachusetts.

Grass is growing finely but planting has to wait for fair weather.

It looks as though there would be a good apple crop if the season is favorable. Trees are very full of buds which are beginning to open.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitney are at their summer home.

Bethel.

Rev. F. E. Potter has returned from his trip to Los Angeles, St. Louis and New Orleans.

The foundation to Mr. C. N. Springer's new house on Main Street is being laid.

Tuesday, Mrs. G. A. Hastings suffered a paralytic shock and her condition is very serious. Her husband, Maj. Hastings, and her son Robert, had started for Oregon for a short stay and will return at once.

Mrs. O. M. Mason and Mrs. F. S. Chandler attended the Oxford Co. W. C. T. U. at South Paris.

Dorothea, little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sturdivant, has been and still is very ill. Much sympathy is expressed for the parents and their many friends hope a permanent change for the better will soon take place.

Dr. Alfred King of Portland was here to visit Mrs. Plaisted this week. She is very ill and under the care of a trained nurse.

Thursday, the ladies of Bethel prepared a supper for the benefit of the Oxford Co. Home for Aged Women at Norway. The rain poured incessantly but the zeal of the ladies lost none of its ardor and at six o'clock the tables were spread with an abundance of most appetizing food. About sixty partook of the supper, but it is hoped those who were detained by the state of the weather will contribute, at least the price of a supper ticket, so the funds may be increased.

Dorothea and little Donald, children of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mason, came with their nurse to visit their grandmother, Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Mr. Erlin Dutton is suffering with inflamed eyes and has been confined to the house for the past week.

Friday evening, the Vanessa Dramatic Company played to a good sized audience in Odeon Hall. The company is composed of Portland High School students and presented "All a Mistake" in a most pleasing manner. A social dance followed.

The academy boys went to Gorham, N. H., and played the high school base ball nine and came home victors.

Rev. and Mrs. Colson have issued invitations to the students of Gould Academy to a reception in their home next Thursday evening.

Baccalaureate sermon will be given in the Congregational church next Sunday afternoon. Rev. F. E. Barton is to preach.

The G. A. R. have completed their arrangements for Memorial Day. Sermon in the morning Sunday, the 29th, at the Congregational church by Rev. Mr. Colson of the Universalist church. The school children will participate in the memorial exercises Monday, and the relief corps and Sons of Veterans.

Bryant's Pond.

George B. Hilborn, who has been partially insane for some time, was taken to the insane asylum at Augusta Monday.

Rawson Cummings has sold his farm on the Gore, and he and his wife will reside in part of the house of their daughter, Mrs. Elbridge Crooker.

Mr. Ned I. Swan of this place and Miss Ada Briggs of West Paris were married at West Paris May 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Houghton have moved into Horace Littlefield's house as caretakers while he is away canvassing for ornamental shrubs.

H. B. Chapman of Norway has been very successful canvassing here this spring for ornamental shrubs and garden bulbs.

Robert Jacobs, son of Nathaniel Jacobs, who was postmaster here for some years, is in town and stopping at present at Mrs. Lizzie Meader's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Wyman will move this week into the old Gallison house at North Woodstock. Harry S. Day will take possession of the Wyman farm this week. The old barn is to be torn down and a new one built 40 x 60 feet with cellar. Addison Bryant will have charge of the carpenter work. Harry has recently purchased a span of horses of Harry Hutchins of Andover.

Mrs. Fitzroy Chase of Kent's Hill, who has been on a week's visit at Alden Chase's, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Essie Bowker went to Bethel Friday afternoon to attend a drama and dance given by the Portland High School.

Mrs. Pearle Muller returned to her home at South Waterford Saturday.

Bryant's Pond base ball club played a match game with West Paris nine Saturday, the 14th. At the end of the ninth inning the score stood 4 to 2 in favor of Bryant's Pond. Bryant's Pond will play South Paris High, Saturday, May 21.

Mrs. Annie Day is at work for the Kinsmans at Birchmere.

Alexander Day has improved in health so as to be able to work around his buildings, but not able to attend to his regular work.

Dr. Bradbury of Norway was called to town on Friday to see Mrs. Seymour Brooks, who is very sick.

L. Heath and F. Morse have bought out Ansel Dudley's livery stable and are ready for business.

The Universalist society will hold their annual meeting at 2 P. M. at the church, Tuesday, May 24. All interested in the cause are requested to be present.

Greenwood.

Those who live on moist farms must wait a while for the land to dry off before working it. In the mean time the grass is growing, and it is seldom more forward on the 19th of May.

According to a recent New York Tribune they have been having it much colder out there than here; not only were many of the tender plants killed but some of the ponds, or lakes as they are called, were frozen over.

Once more Charles B. Brooks is destitute of a housekeeper.

Those who have to pay one dollar a bushel for potatoes to plant call it rather tough and think it smells pretty strongly of money; but they have to pay it just the same.

It is said that once upon a time the late Rev. H. W. Beecher preached to a congregation of one; and last Sunday that brief piece of history came so near repeating itself that the same number went to meeting at the City, but no minister came to preach the sermon. Not wishing to be too personal, the name of the person who formed the congregation will be withheld.

Last Tuesday Floyd and Frank Morgan came up to the Bennett place for the purpose of cutting some timber for the widow Herrick's new house. While coming by the Martin meadow they found a little kid beside the road so chilled as to be more dead than alive. On arriving here he was given a warm berth, followed by a square meal and soon the little thing began to feel quite at home where he still remains at this writing, and makes a nice pet for the other little kids of a different species. Probably Mr. Daniel's goats strayed up there, and when they left for home he was so chilled with rain and cold as to be unable to follow.

Mrs. A. S. Brooks visited at the Bennett place Wednesday. She reports that John Howe, formerly of Bethel, but now of Yarmouth, has left the store and is now engaged in out door work, since under cover employment did not agree with him. His wife has taken his place in the store. It will be remembered that Mr. Howe married Fannie Brooks of this town for his second wife, last fall.

Congratulations to that newly married couple now seem to be in order. We have been acquainted with Mr. Swan from his infancy, and have always known his wife's father, the late George H. Briggs of West Paris. We were both born in Hartford and only about two miles apart. Hence the extension of our best wishes to this worthy couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ned I. Swan.

Thus while hand in hand through this life they go
May they find much joy, and never taste of woe.

Newry.

After a long and painful illness from dropsy, Jonathan Smith, formerly of this town, passed to a higher life Sunday, May 15, at his home in Bethel, aged 77 years. His wife, with whom he had lived in great happiness for almost fifty-five years, survives him, and is nearly prostrated with grief. Eight children with their families are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father. His remains were brought to Newry for interment.

Percy Brink injured his eye so badly while fencing recently, that it was at first feared that the sight would be permanently destroyed, but, later, matters seem more hopeful.

Lovell.

Mr. Trustum Knight, another of our old residents, passed from this life Thursday, the 19th inst., aged 80 years, 2 months, 8 days. He was born in Fryeburg, lived during his early life in Sweden, removed here many years since, and has spent the remainder of his life in this village. He was in trade here many years and also carried on the custom tailoring business. He was appointed postmaster here under President Lincoln and served twenty years. He had been many years a member of the lodge of Odd Fellows. A good citizen and neighbor and a man of intelligence and pleasing personality, he will be much missed in our place. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ella M. Lewis, with whom he has made his home.

About a dozen fishermen and one fisherwoman have been at Brown's camp on the Upper Keazar from Boston and Haverhill for a few days trying their luck for salmon. We don't know how the men made out, but the lady took two salmon the first day, one of 6 pounds and one of 9.

Clayton Littlefield brought one home weighing 8 3-4 pounds and we hear of many others.

Rev. Geo. C. Bliss supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church here last Sunday and will do so next Sunday.

Carrie E. Chapman was at Fryeburg Thursday evening to play at a recital of the pupils of Mrs. A. M. Abbott at the New Church Hall.

North Buckfield.

Washington Heald and wife have gone to Rochester, N. Y., on a business and pleasure trip combined.

The most of the patrons of the North Buckfield post office now have rural free delivery.

News was received this week of the death of Carroll Farrar's wife of Barbertown, Ohio. Carroll is the son of Jefferson Farrar of Sumner.

It is rumored that Archie Curtis is to move his saw mill on to the lot which G. W. Hammond has bought of Mr. Slattery, where he will saw rock maple for Hammond this summer.

Spring work is very backward in our section on account of the wet weather.

Fred Cooper and Mr. Cook have commenced operations on the wood lot they bought of Mert Warren.

A. F. Mason has commenced buying wool again this spring.

East Brownfield.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney has been attending the county convention of the W. C. T. U. at South Paris.

Herbert Giles is at home from Weston, Mass.

Dr. Devereaux of Kezar Falls was in this village last week and fitted several with glasses.

Much rain fell during last week. Saco River rose two feet in one night.

Eli Whitney is at home for a short time. Mr. Whitney is employed in the insane asylum in Worcester, Mass.

Howard Colby of Conway, N. H., visited his parents, Jacob Colby and wife, last week.

Clyde Marston was in town recently.

Brownfield.

Mrs. J. Cousins is quite sick. Phebe McLucas is taking care of her.

The latest fad in town is to renovate rooms by painting and papering.

The past days have given us a foretaste of summer and the prospect now is plenty of fruit.

Apple trees in this vicinity are loaded with blossoms.

If it holds warm for a few days longer planting will be on in good earnest.

Mr. William Rowe of this village finished his planting last week.

A sister of Mr. Frank Ham from Portland visited him this week.

Miss Sadie Leavitt is at home from Conway where she has been spending a part of the winter.

Grafton.

The many rainy days and nights we have had recently have brought the grass along finely, and a good hay crop seems assured.

A. L. Farrar, who is working on the Cambridge River drive for Baker Thurston, was at home a short time on Tuesday. The drive is nearly out.

The young people are amusing themselves here with hanging Maybaskets.

G. A. Otis was in Bethel recently.

There has been little farming done in town as yet, owing to the rainy weather.

Ernest Farrar hauled his potatoes to Bethel to market last week.

East Bethel.

Mr. J. H. Swan visited Norway and Paris last week.

Farmers are getting impatient for dry weather. No planting or sowing done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean are entertaining guests from Massachusetts.

Mr. G. Forest Bartlett, lately returned from Ontario, and Mr. Odell D. Bartlett, called on relatives here last week.

Mrs. H. B. Holt recently sold two carloads of pressed hay which was shipped to Berlin, N. H.

Hanover.

At a Republican caucus held in this town Friday, May 20, W. S. Howe was chosen a delegate to the state and H. E. Dyer to the county convention. Uninstructed.

Maine News Notes.

Jonesport has an outbreak of small pox.

Seth R. Ellis of East Belfast was instantly killed the 14th by a fall on a slippery pavement.

The hustling newsboys of Portland have formed a union, with officers, a charter and all the fixin's.

Will P. Cunningham of Swanville drowned himself Monday morning. He was 35 years of age and unmarried.

Mrs. E. T. Means of Ellsworth, whose mind has been unbalanced for some time because of sickness, drowned herself in an unused well Tuesday night.

Minard Preble, age 17, was instantly killed at the mill of the United Box Board and Paper Company in Fairfield Thursday by being caught in the gearing of the chip tower.

C. A. Norton of South Livermore committed suicide by hanging in his barn Wednesday. He had been living alone since the death of his mother two years ago and had been despondent. His age was 42. He was in good circumstances.

Before the first of July there will be two and a half million of Atlantic salmon turned into the upper waters of the Penobscot river by the United States fish commission. This will be the largest number ever put into the river at one time.

Frank Hunter of Phillips was so badly burned while melting tar that he died while on the way to a hospital. The hot liquid was accidentally spilled over his body. Mr. Hunter, who was 30 years old, is survived by a widow and several small children.

A big red devil wagon in which four Bostonians were enjoying a ride on the beach at Old Orchard got stuck in the sand, the other day, and there was excitement for a time. The tide was coming in and soon the machine was in the water and sand up to its hubs. Finally a span of horses was procured and they pulled it out to safety.

Sumner K. Bodwell of Springvale, aged 50, shot and killed himself with a revolver Monday. Bodwell purchased a revolver in Sanford and going to the home of his brother, Frank Bodwell, declared his intention to commit suicide. The brother attempted to dissuade the other, who drawing a revolver kept the members of the family at bay while he ascended the stairs to the floor above. Reaching the second floor he placed the weapon against his head and blew his brains out.

The Keeley Institute in Portland, Me., on Munjoy Hill, is successfully curing drunkards and drug users. jun08ly

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Allen's Foot-ease, a powder. It cures painful smarting, nervous feet and ingrowing nails, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, tired, aching feet. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail for 25c. in stamps. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Damon-Newell.

Not very long ago we received a polite invitation to accompany the parson to the wedding of Charles Benson Damon and Mrs. Lillia E. Newell.

The time was May 14, the place was under the shadow of Mt. Tom in the town of Sumner. The selection of this place and all things connected with the affair seemed to lend a shade of romance, and we started out with the intention of absorbing pleasure on our passage.

Winding about through West Buckfield and Sumner, we came to a sudden turn to the left where was a well painted sign, "National Lumber Company," on top of this another, "Chandler Avenue." Going down this hill we came to a house and a pair of bars, the man of the house kindly coming out and removing the same.

Winding along, through bush and brake, and babbling brook, we came to other bars, and another painted sign, "Porcupine St." Here we were kindly assisted by a young man who was along, who removed the bars here and others later on.

We finally came in view of the "Mt. Tom House," over which the stars and stripes were floating, and elevated on a long pole was a dead porcupine, which was killed by workmen that morning in the chamber where they were lodging.

Between thirty and forty persons were gathered there in that ancient structure, and after a wait for a time for the contracting parties, and the promoter and conductor of the "Mt. Tom Marriage Bureau," on their arrival all gathered in the east room, seated on boards, awaiting developments.

Finally, led by Rev. D. W. Athearn, and the clerk of the "National Lumber Company" as best man, the contracting parties entered, with 12-year-old Mary Emma Slattery as bridesmaid bringing up the rear.

The bride was dressed in white "from top to toe," carrying a beautiful bouquet. The ring was in evidence, and a finer wedding ceremony was never rendered within marble walls or the palace of a king, than came from the lips of Rev. Mr. Athearn.

A sumptuous feast followed, of viands prepared by the bride, rich cakes in abundance, sandwiches, fruits, coffee, etc. (and this is no exaggeration.)

The clerk of the National Lumber Company conducted affairs with grave and almost solemn dignity.

The day, the place, the wild and weird picture of landscape, of the green spots on the hillside where sheep were quietly feeding, and farther south Mt. Tom, majestic in its bearing, where the woodman's ox is divesting it of its primeval bloom, the winding brook, and the kindly greeting of those we had known in former days, lent grand good cheer to the occasion, and inspired our souls, "and this is the burden of our song:"

Behold Mt. Tom! In this sequestered nook,
Unknown to fame, or record by the book;
Yet, thou art grand, thy beauties shall be known
Among the hills in thy primeval bloom.

To-day the die is cast, and shall go forth,
A grand event to give it honored birth,
Among the grand old hills of rugged Maine,
With record high upon her lists of fame.

To-day, beneath thy rock-bound form we meet
To here endow, through Christian forms, and greet
Two loving souls, whose hearts now beat as one,
And seal the bond, beneath the noon-day sun.

And here and now may God's best blessing rest
Upon this mated pair—divinely blest;
And may your lives run smoothly o'er the plain,
Attendant bliss forever in your train.

G. T.

FOR SALE.

House and stable, 3 acres of land, 50 fruit trees, a good well of water, quarter of a mile from village. A great bargain.

Mrs. M. O. CHILD,
South Paris, Maine.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Paris Hill Water Co. for the election of officers and transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting, will be held at the Hubbard House, Paris, Maine, on Saturday, June 11, 1904, at 8 o'clock P. M.

U. H. HEALD, Clerk.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of June, A. D. 1904, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

HARRIET A. LAPHAM, late of Paris, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by

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Going down (east)—5:26 A. M., (daily, Sundays included), 9:20 A. M., 4:40 P. M. Sunday only, 6:00 P. M.

Going up (west)—10:00 A. M., 3:38 P. M., 8:47 P. M., (daily, Sundays included). Sunday only, 9:22 A. M.

CHURCHES.

First Congregational Church. Rev. W. S. Brooks, D. D., pastor. Preaching services, 10:45 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.; Sunday School 12 M.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6 P. M.; Church prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All, not otherwise connected, are cordially invited.

Methodist Church, Rev. H. A. Clifford, Pastor. On Sunday, morning prayer meeting, 9:30 A. M.; preaching service 10:45 A.M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; Epworth League Meeting, 6:15 P. M. Evening prayer meeting 7 P. M.; prayer meeting Tuesday evening; class meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist Church, Rev. H. S. Pinkham, Pastor. On Sunday, preaching service 10:45 A. M.; Sabbath School 12 M.; prayer meeting 7:00 P. M.; Prayer meeting Tuesday evening.

Universalist Church, Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor. Preaching service every Sunday at 2:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Evening service, 7 P. M.

STATED MEETINGS.

F. & A. M.—Paris Lodge, No. 94. Regular meeting Tuesday evening on or before full moon.

I. O. O. F.—Mount Mica Lodge, regular meetings Thursday evening of each week.—Auroral Encampment, first and third Monday evenings of each month.

D. of R.—Mount Pleasant Rebekah Lodge, No. 30, meets second and fourth Fridays of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

G. A. R.—W. K. Kimball Post, No. 148, meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in G. A. R. Hall.

Wm. R. Kimball Relief Corps meets first and third Saturday evenings of each month, in Relief Corps Hall.

P. of H.—Paris Grange, from May 1 to Oct. 1, meets first and third Saturday; during the remainder of the year, meets every Saturday, in Grange Hall.

U. O. G. C.—Second and fourth Mondays of each month.

K. E. O. P.—Stony Brook Lodge, No. 183, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month.

K. of P.—Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, meets every Friday evening at Pythian Hall.

Modern Woodmen of America.—South Paris Camp, No. 6967, meets second and fourth Tuesday evenings in Golden Cross Hall.

Royal Arcanum.—Parris Council, No. 1621, meets first and third Monday evenings at 7:30.

Miss Addie Giles spent Sunday with friends in Lewiston.

Miss Shorey of Woodfords is a guest of Mrs. H. E. Wilson.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Pottle were in town a few days last week.

Mrs. George Ham of Yarmouth visited relatives here for a few days last week.

L. L. Russell, wife and son, of Leeds, have been visiting in town for a few days.

Frank P. Knight of South Portland was a guest at Hon. James S. Wright's over Sunday.

Miss Arthur Hall of Buckfield spent last week in town, a guest of her father, A. C. T. King.

Harry Morton of Auburn was in town last Wednesday, a guest of his parents, J. J. Morton and wife.

George Hargrave and wife of Portland visited Mrs. Hargrave's parents, J. J. Morton and wife, a few days last week.

Edward L. Greene is at work in Portland, and Mrs. Greene and the baby have gone there to be with him for the summer.

S. E. Tucker and wife left Friday for their cottage at Bay Point, where they will spend the summer, as they have for several years past.

Rev. C. H. Young of Bowdoinham, formerly of South Paris, has been nominated for sheriff by the Prohibitionists of Sagadahoc County.

There will be a rehearsal of Mt. Pleasant degree team Wednesday afternoon at quarter past four. Members please take notice and try and be present.

Miss Mabel Towle is temporarily employed in the insurance office of W. J. Wheeler & Co. Miss Baker will take a vacation during the month of June, and Miss Towle will remain until her return.

Next Monday, May 30th, is Memorial Day. The South Paris stores and business offices close all day. Housekeepers will need to be thoughtful and provide on Saturday for Monday as well as the Sabbath.

J. A. Lambe, who was for several years a resident of South Paris and was in trade in the Capt. Bolster store, has been in town for a few days. Mr. Lambe is now in Whiting, Maine, engaged in the lumber business.

Advertised letters in South Paris post office May 23d, 1904:

Mrs. E. A. Mills.
Mrs. Julia O. McAllister.
Mrs. Evlre Lappin.
Mrs. Katherine Kane.

S. F. DAVIS, Postmaster.

It is probable that the Republican caucus to choose delegates to the state and county conventions will be held on the 11th of June, and the caucus to nominate for representative to the legislature may be held the same day.

Ralph Andrews gave a party to a number of his young playmates Saturday afternoon, the occasion being his ninth birthday. Judging from the sounds of merriment which came from that direction, it was a very enjoyable affair.

A meeting of the Oxford Blacksmiths' Association will be held at Engine House Hall, Saturday, May 28th, at 10 A. M. One fare on the Grand Trunk Railway from all stations in Maine. All blacksmiths are cordially invited. Dinner will be served to all who attend.

A delegation of South Paris Masons started in a closed carriage Wednesday evening to visit Granite Lodge at West Paris, by invitation. They had got only a short distance outside the village when a spring of the carriage broke, in such a way as to put the vehicle entirely out of commission. Accordingly they walked back, and not to be beaten, took the evening train for West Paris, and came back in the morning. They report a very good time.

Wednesday of this week the state assessors will hold a meeting at the court house. Here it is expected that the assessors of the several towns will present themselves, with their valuation books, and undergo a course of examination relative to their manner of making assessments. From the information thus derived, the state assessors will decide what they will do, in assessing the state tax, with regard to the valuation of the towns returned to them by the local assessors. For instance, if they think the assessors of a town are putting their real estate at too low a figure, they will increase the valuation of the real estate in that town by such percentage as seems right to them. There is no doubt that such conference as is to be had at these meetings tends toward establishing a uniformity of methods and an equalization of valuation in the different towns.

A paragraph has recently been going the rounds of the papers regarding a seedless apple originated by some one, the tree bearing no blossoms. The idea of a fruitful tree with no blossoms is treated with proper ridicule by practical fruit growers, but according to facts given the Democrat by L. S. Swan, something like what is referred to above is not entirely unknown. Fifty years ago, says Mr. Swan, on the farm in Millettville, Norway, occupied by Jared M. Buck, was a tree which Mr. Buck called his oddity. It would bud in the spring, and the buds would develop to the point of giving the tree a reddish look, but did not open into full bloom. The apples some of them had a trace of core, but most of them were without any. The tree was a "natural fruit," and while the apples were fair for cooking purposes, they were not good eating. As all the seedless orange trees now in bearing were cultivated from two freak trees, there is no knowing what might have been produced by proper methods from the apple tree described. The writer is reminded that in the old orchard on the farm where he was born was a tree known as the "No-core Russet." The apples were small russets, some of the largest having rudimentary cores, while most of them showed only a little hardening of the pulp in the middle. To a boy's palate it was a very eatable fruit, but how it might be to a matured taste is entirely another question. As to the character of the blossoms, there is no recollection.

Dr. Buck's dental office will be closed through the month of June.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Morton Davis joined the Methodist church on Sunday by letters from Canning, N. S.

Fred Scott and wife were at South Paris over Sunday. Mr. Scott is now Maine Central station agent at Benton.

Mrs. H. A. Clifford will present a paper on the "Bible in the Sunday School" at the county convention in Mechanic Falls Thursday.

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve supper in the vestry Wednesday evening at the usual time and price. Come and pass a social hour.

Evangelist Harry Taylor will supply the pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday. Mr. Mann from Cobb Divinity School was the supply last Sunday.

All members of the W. R. C. are requested to meet at the G. A. R. Hall Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week for the purpose of making wreaths for Memorial Day.

Hiram Pulsifer scalded his foot a day or two since, and is laid off from his active duties in consequence of it. He is able to be around the house, but is confined to his premises.

Rev. H. S. Pinkham of Somerville, Mass., formerly pastor of the Baptist church, was here the first of last week, and he and Fred W. Bonney have gone to the lakes on a fishing trip.

At the regular meeting of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge Friday evening of this week there will be work and after the lodge refreshments will be served. It is hoped there will be a good attendance.

The Epworth League and their friends will meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Payne on High Street Thursday evening. The life of Longfellow and the poem "Morituri Salutamus" will be considered.

The Uuiversalist Sunday School will give a memorial concert before the William K. Kimball Post and Relief Corps Sunday evening, May 29th, at Good Cheer Hall, beginning at 7:30. The public are cordially invited.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet at the parsonage next Friday afternoon at half past two. The life and work of Pundita Ramabai, the most celebrated woman of India, will be taken up, illustrated by photographs, and a brief report of the origin and early work of the society will be given. The society was organized in 1869, raising $4500 the first year. Last year it raised over $491,000. Bishop Vincent wrote recently from personal observation, "Too much cannot be said in favor of the work of this society." The funds are raised and the grand work thus carried on by a payment of two cents a week from each member. All ladies of the Methodist society are cordially invited to be present Friday afternoon.

Prohibition County Convention.

The Prohibitionists of Oxford County held their county convention in New Hall, South Paris, on Wednesday. The attendance was not large, but a good degree of enthusiasm was shown by those present. Eben H. Marshall served as chairman and Charles L. Buck as secretary.

A nominating committee was chosen, consisting of Benjamin Swett and Addison Parlin of Paris and Virgil E. Dunn of Norway. They reported the following nominations for county offices, which were confirmed by the convention:

Senator—Alvin Brown, Norway.
County Attorney—William T. Eustis, Dixfield.
County Commissioner—Aaron Paige, Norway.
Sheriff—George R. Morton, Paris.
County Treasurer—F. Ellas Rerkston, Paris.

A county committee was chosen as follows:

Virgil E. Dunn, Norway, Chairman.
Alvin Brown, Norway, Secretary.
Aaron Paige, Norway.
Eben H. Marshall, Paris.
Addison Parlin, Paris.
George S. Boutelle, Paris.

The resolutions adopted congratulate the members of the party that through their fidelity enforced prohibition has become the dominant issue in the state, pronounce the resubmission movement dangerous and inspired by the liquor men, and call upon true temperance men to sever their allegiance to the old parties and vote the Prohibition ticket.

Hon. Fred E. Britten of Boston addressed the convention, asserting that there was great need of the party, and urging work along all lines which will forward the cause of temperance and prohibition.

In the evening Mr. Britten gave a public address in the same hall. The weather was bad, and other causes conspired to make the audience small. Mr. Britten's remarks were regarded even by political opponents as being candid and fairly conservative.

At a caucus preceding the session of the convention, Charles L. Buck of South Paris was nominated as candidate for representative to the legislature from the district composed of Paris, Buckfield and Milton Plantation.

Memorial Services in Paris.

The special services of Memorial Sunday will be held at the Methodist church at South Paris, Sunday, May 29th. Sermon by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. H. A. Clifford. Members of the Post and Relief Corps are requested to meet at G. A. R. Hall at 3 o'clock sharp, to prepare to march to the church.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, veterans of the war of the Rebellion, the Spanish war, and ladies of the Relief Corps, will assemble at G. A. R. Hall, South Paris, at 7:45 A. M., to be ready to march to Riverside Cemetery where services appropriate to the day will be held, and the graves of deceased comrades will be decorated.

The general exercises of Memorial Day will be held at West Paris. The transfer from South to West Paris will be by the 10 o'clock Grand Trunk train, at reduced rates of fare.

Arriving at West Paris the march will be to the West Paris cemetery where services will be held and graves decorated, then march to Odd Fellows' Hall, where dinner will be served at 12:30.

The general exercises of the day will be held in Dunham's Hall, commencing at 2 o'clock. The address will be given by Rev. J. H. Little, pastor of the Universalist church at South Paris, also other appropriate exercises, so that all combined will make it a very interesting service.

We most cordially invite the citizens of Paris to be present with us at all these services, and thereby show some spirit of patriotism and love for the old flag, so dear to the heart of every old veteran, and emblematic of liberty and good citizenship.

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H. N. BOLSTER, Adjt.

Dental Notice.

Dr. Buck wishes to announce to his patrons that his dental office will be closed through the month of June. All that are indebted to him are requested to settle before May 25th.

Gen. O. O. Howard, the famous Maine soldier, will deliver the first address of the day at the meeting of the Blue and the Gray at the St. Louis exposition on July 15. It is expected that Gen. Joseph R. Wheeler, the noted ex-Confederate, and later Spanish war veteran, will follow Gen. Howard, while another descendant of a famous Maine family, Gen. Horatio C. King, of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, will be one of the speakers. Dept. Commander Milliken of the Maine G. A. R. has received an invitation to be present on this occasion.

During a thunder shower on Monday a bolt of lightning struck a house at Cape Neddick, passed through the body of a mason named Fernald, who was working in the house, and killed a dog at the latter's side. Fernald was critically burned. The lightning struck a trowel in his hand, passed through his left side and down his left leg. The house and stable, valued at $2,000, was burned to the ground. Fernald was removed before the fire got beyond control.

The Maine Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias met in Portland last week. The membership is shown by the reports to be 14,968, a net gain of 447. Elgin C. Verrill of South Portland was elected Grand Chancellor, and Merton L. Kimball of Norway Vice Chancellor.

The Sprague-Maxim Nuptials.

AN INTERESTING EVENT IN SOUTH PARIS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING.

If all the time-honored saws regarding the happiness of the bride on whom the rain falls are to be accepted, then the pour of Wednesday may be taken as assuring the felicity of one of the most highly esteemed daughters of South Paris, Miss Mertie B. Maxim, who was married on the evening of that day to Dr. John P. Sprague of Chicago. The ceremony took place at the Congregational church, which was well filled with invited friends of the contracting parties.

The decorating of the church for the event was in charge of members of the Seneca Club, with assistants, and their work was very effective. The platform was tastefully arranged with evergreen and decorative plants, and the corners at the right and left of the platform were banked with green. From the front of the choir rose three arches in green and white, in the centre of each of which hung a white bell, while above was suspended a white dove in flight. Over the middle aisle were six arches in green and white. The same color scheme was employed througout, and no flowers were used except sprigs of half-opened apple blossoms along the middle aisle.

Shortly after 7 o'clock the wedding procession entered, to the music of a wedding march played by Mrs. Cora S. Briggs. Miss Florence M. Jewett was maid of honor, Miss Susie M. Wheeler and Miss Iva McArdle bridesmaids. The best man was Dr. Henry Hawkins of Waterville, a classmate of the bride and groom in Bates College. The ushers were Alton C. Wheeler of South Paris, Prof. W. W. Bolster, Jr., of Auburn, Mr. Sprague of Sprague's Mills, brother of the groom, and Harry Maxim, brother of the bride.

The bride was gowned in white Oriental cloth over white taffeta, trimmed with fagoting and lace. She wore a veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The groom was in conventional evening dress. The maid of honor and bridesmaids were in white muslin with black picture hats, and carried bouquets of daffodils and jonquils.

The party was met at the altar by Rev. Dr. Brooks, the pastor, who united them in marriage in a simple but impressive service, a single ring being used. The bride was given away by her father.

At the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony a reception was given to the bridal party and a few friends. As the bridal couple were to leave on the evening train, their friends in large number assembled at the station in good season, laden heavily with rice and everything else which gives the proper character to such an occasion. Torpedoes were placed on the rails, and all preparations made for a suitable send-off. The train came and went, but the bridal couple did not appear. It was later discovered that they drove to the Oxford Spring House, and continued their tour from there. They will reside in Chicago.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. E. W. Sprague of Sprague's Mills, mother of the groom, his two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Lewiston, Miss Shaw of Houlton, Miss Martha A. Bolster of Auburn, Miss Sadie Staples of Auburn, Miss Edith H. Hayes of Auburn, Miss Bean of Portland, Miss Martha Maxim of Cambridge, Mass., Miss Nellie Smith of Richmond, O. H. Tootbaker of Berlin, N. H., the last two classmates of the contracting parties.

A large number of gifts of value were received.

Dr. John P. Sprague, the groom, is the son of E. W. Sprague of Sprague's Mills. He graduated from Bates College in the class of 1898, and immediately afterward began teaching in a private school in Chicago. He also studied medicine, and last year received the degree of M. D. from Northwestern University. He is now in practice in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Maxim. She was the valedictorian of the class of '94 in South Paris High School, and graduated with honors from Bates College in 1898. Since graduation until last winter she has been engaged in teaching, first in Massachusetts, later as principal at Paris Hill Academy, and for the last three years as first assistant in Paris High School, where she did very good work, and won the love of the students to a remarkable degree. She will be greatly missed in the community, but few could take with them the best wishes of so large a circle of sincere friends as does she.

The Burlesque Opera "Pepita."

VERY TAKING PRESENTATION ON TWO EVENINGS.

What was undoubtedly the last elaborate entertainment of the season at South Paris was the presentation of the burlesque opera "Pepita," which was put on at New Hall Thursday and Friday evenings, under the auspices of the Congregational society, and delighted a good sized audience at each performance.

Pepita is not an opera with music of own. It is all sung (no spoken parts), and the words are set to old familiar tunes. Perhaps on that account it is heard with more pleasure by a portion of the audience than a more elaborate production. At any rate, the frequent bursts of applause from the house testified that it was being fully enjoyed.

The cast of the opera was:

Don Carlos, a Spanish nobleman, ... Geo. A. Briggs.
Donna Inez, his wife, ... Agnes L. Penfold.
Pepita, their child, ... Mertie French Fifield.
Don Enrique, their nephew, ... Wirt Stanley.
Dolores and Gipsey Queen, ... Virgie L. Wilson.
Marquita, daughter of Dolores, ... Nellie M. Andrews.
Jose, Gipsey chief in love with Marquita, ... Ralph Penfold
Beverly, Lieut. in U. S. Navy, ... James Dunn.
Moore, companion of Beverly, ... Winslow Burbank.
Dayton, companion of Beverly, .. Donald Briggs.
Ben Bolt, an old sailor, ... Fred Hall.
Servants, Gipsies and Sailors.
Musical Director, ... Cora S. Briggs

The piece is known as burlesque, which it certainly is, nevertheless it affords an opportunity for some good acting. Pepita is the child of Don Carlos, a Spanish nobleman. In order to get her out of the way, that he may become the heir, Enrique, the nephew, plots with Dolores, and the child is delivered, together with a bag of gold, to Jose, the Gipsey chief. He is supposed to kill her, but instead brings her up in his camp, where she finally falls in love with Lieutenant Beverly of the United States army, when he visits the camp. Enrique is mortally wounded in a fight, and dies confessing his crime. His co-conspirator, Dolores, stabs herself to slow music, the lovers are united, the grief-stricken parents have their child restored to them, and the curtain goes down with everybody happy.

Space will not permit detailed criticism of the several actors. Most of them have been seen in opera here several times, and the quality of their work is well known. All were from South Paris except Mr. Dunn, Mr. Pike and Mrs. Fifield of Norway. The last named played the title role most charmingly and was enthusiastically received. A few new names appear in the cast, and Wirt Stanley and Don Briggs may be reckoned as additions to the available operatic material of the village.

The chorus is little in evidence in Pepita, but what it had to do was done well, and the tambourine drill by the Gipsey girls was exceedingly well rendered. Costumes and stage settings were all appropriate.

The financial results, while not enormous, are very satisfactory.

Drowned at Indian Rock.

Word has been received that a river driver by the name of Shepherd was drowned at Indian Rock Monday night while on the drive for the Berlin Lumber Company. Shepherd was at work on the drive, in a certain section on the Kennebago, quite by himself, although others of the crew were working both above and below him on the same drive. He was unable to swim a stroke, and when he slipped and went into the water, he gave a terrible cry, which was heard by his fellows. Before they could reach the spot, however, he had gone down a second time, and was not seen again. The body was not recovered.

Every little while some town over East sends in a pitiful plea for its porcupine bounty money.

White Ribboners at South Paris.

THE COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION, WITH INTERESTING AND PROFITABLE SESSIONS.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Oxford County held its seventeenth annual convention at South Paris. The various local unions were most of them well represented, the sessions busy and interesting, and the workers have gone to their homes with renewed courage and zeal.

At a reasonable interval after the arrival of the forenoon trains of Tuesday, the convention was called to order in the Baptist church, the county president, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney of East Brownfield, presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. E. S. Cotton of Norway, and the roll was called.

The church had been simply decorated for the occasion with a few flowers and plants, with streamers of white draped from the center of the ceiling, and the W. C. T. U. banner and motto, "For God and home and every land," displayed at the back of the platform.

The visitors were cordially welcomed to South Paris by Mrs. L. A. Rounds of this place, and a pleasing response in their behalf was made by Mrs. Anna T. White of West Paris.

The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Annie R. Barnes of Norway, made her annual report, not taking up the reports of the several unions in detail, but dealing only with some special features of the work. She commended the practice of some of the unions—instancing South Paris and West Paris—of using a prepared yearly programme for their meetings, and set forth the plan of district superintendents adopted by the Norway union, by which the town was covered by the work.

The president, Mrs. Stickney, then gave her annual address. This, said Mrs. Stickney, is our seventeenth annual convention. We have one new union in our number this year. We should be able to add one every year, so that we may at least reckon our years by our numbers. There are many towns and villages in Oxford County where our work should be extended. I would recommend that the local unions assume the responsibility of securing an organizer, which can now be done at small expense, to go into the places where no unions exist and see what can be done there.

But let us never place numerical gains above the efficiency of our work. Our department work is very important, and its value should be emphasized.

The present year is an important one in our work, especially as regards the issue of resubmission, against which we must labor with the same zeal as in the past. Never was there a time when the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held the position it does to-day, when its influence was so great as it is now. If we were all citizens in the fullest sense of the term, and had all our time to devote to the duties of citizenship, we could hardly be called upon for more important and varied duties than we are to-day.

As some time remained of the forenoon session, a beginning was made on the reports of the superintendents of departments, and Mrs. Elizabeth W. Morton of South Paris, superintendent of scientific temperance instruction, reported the work done in that line in the several unions. This gave rise to a discussion which filled the rest of the forenoon, relative to the best books and the manner of using them.

Dinner was served to the visitors in the church dining room.

The executive committee held a meeting soon after dinner, at which it was decided to employ the state organizer for two weeks in September. Two new departments of work were also added, red letter days and Christian citizenship.

The principal paper of the afternoon session was by Mrs. H. C. Munson of Rumford Centre, on the topic, "Our Young Women in the Temperance Reform." Mrs. Munson emphasized the influence that the young women may exert because of their social position and opportunities, and especially their influence with the young men, and pointed out the great advance which might be made if the young women could be induced to exert their power strenuously in behalf of temperance.

Some visitors being present, a number of them were called upon to speak, and brief remarks expressing interest in the work were made by Mrs. Quinby of the Turner union, Rev. J. H. Little of South Paris, Mrs. C. A. Brooks of Norway, Arthur E. Forbes of the Democrat, Mrs. Sprague from Aroostook County, and Mrs. H. A. Clifford of South Paris.

Reports from the local unions were next called for, and some account of the work done was given from the unions in Bethel, West Paris, South Paris, Norway, Hiram, East Brownfield, Buckfield, Rumford Falls and Rumford Centre. The union at Rumford Centre was organized only a few moths since. Reports from the superintendents of the several departments followed.

The afternoon session was diversified with music, including a solo by Mrs. H. E. Wilson, and singing by school children of the village.

At the Tuesday evening session, after singing by a quartette, Scripture was read and prayer offered by Mrs. Howard A. Clifford of South Paris. Remarks were made by several of the pastors, and Rev. F. E. Britten, the apostle of prohibition from Michigan, spoke briefly.

Mrs. Luella Smiley and Miss Jessie Tolman each rendered a solo in a very pleasing manner.

The duet with violin and organ by Misses Ida and Gracie Dean was heartily applauded.

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Callie Howe of Missouri. It was a most stirring appeal for prohibition, and every argument ever brought forward by its enemies was met most squarely, and refuted by facts and reason. The close attention of the audience testified to the power of the speaker. Her appeal to individual conscience must have left its influence.

Wednesday morning the devotional service was led by Mrs. E. W. Chandler of Bethel. The convention was then called to order, routine business transacted, and the reports of superintendents were continued.

The committee on credentials reported and the election of officers followed, the following being the officers chosen:

President—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

Vice President-at-Large—Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, Bethel.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Emma W. Chandler, Bethel.

Recording Secretary—Miss Jennie M. Brown, West Paris

Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie M. Y. Clifford, Hiram.

A few changes in department superintendents were made.

Mrs. Louise Graham of Rumford Centre sang a solo most acceptably.

Mrs. E. S. Cotton of Norway read a paper, "Our Children God's Gift." It was a very touching appeal to mothers, and was of great interest and help.

The memorial service was led by Mrs. Chandler. The following names of promoted members were read:

Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding of Buckfield.
Mrs. Mary Swan and Mrs. Addie Warner Bates of West Paris.
Mrs Frances Cummings, Norway.
One honorary member from the Bethel Union, Mrs. George H. Shirley.

Miss Jessie Tolman sang an appropriate solo most effectively, and Mrs. Theresa Pottle led in noontide prayer.

The afternoon session was filled with reports of superintendents, unfinished business, and the report of the committee on resolutions.

After the singing of the county song, and the Aaronic benediction, the seventeenth annual convention adjourned, to meet in Bethel in May, 1905.

The interest of the members, the hospitality of the South Paris people, the kindly assistance of the musicians, and the encouragement of one new union during the year, all conspired to make the convention of 1904 one of the most interesting and helpful ever held in Oxford County.

Thousands are sick every year with some form of Bowel Complaint. Thousands are cured by taking DR. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM. Warranted to give satisfaction by F. A. Shurtleff & Co., South Paris, West Paris.

The annual report of the Maine Bible Society shows that it distributed 6,397 Bibles in the families of the 86 towns canvassed in 1903.

NORWAY.

Dr. Frank N. Barker has his farming at the old Noyes place well under way. He has nearly all his crops in the ground.

M. L. Kimball, Esq., was elected Vice Chancellor at the Pythian Grand Lodge at Portland last week.

Business is first class at the Municipal Court. Several cases of intoxication, two of adultery and other liquor matters make up the list. Either the laws are better enforced of late or there is a new element in the neighborhood demanding the attention of officers and court. It may be both.

On Saturday afternoon the following were drawn as U. S. District court jurors, viz.: For the grand jury Frank W. Faunce and Charles F. Millett, petit jury, Edwin A. Cox and Albert P. Farnham.

The Oxford session of the Teachers' Convention held at Oxford was attended by the following Norway teachers: V. M. Whitman, P. E. Hathaway, Grace B. Bicknell, Agnes E. Sanborn, Winnifred Ladd, Annie S. Emery, Grace L. Griffith, Cora B. Shedd, Gertrude O. Gardner, Lizzie M. Johnson, Marguerite Finney, Josephine P. Shedd, Ella H. Irish, Harriet E. Cragin and Mercy E. Millett. Charles P. Barnes, Esq., Supt. of Norway schools, was elected president.

Warren Hills of Waldoboro visited his son, V. W. Hills, during the week. He came Saturday and returned the last of the week.

A. H. Kenerson, for some time in the employ of C. B. Cummings & Sons, has gone to Bridgton where he has an excellent position.

The members of the W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. F. A. Danforth Thursday evening, May 26th.

S. H. Hayden of Haverhill, Mass., visited his relatives and friends in town a few days.

Rev. B. S. Rideout lectured at the High School Thursday evening on his trip to Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Fred M. Davis of Mechanic Falls is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bennett, for a few weeks.

Arthur Hebbard is making good headway on his building operations, corner of Main and Marston Streets, considering the conditions existing so far, as the walls are covered.

W. C. Leavitt is improving his tenement over the store with paint and paper.

Among those who attended the Pythian Grand Lodge from this village were M. L. Kimball, Esq., A. L. Sanborn and W. A. Lewis.

G. D. Swift is fast recovering from his recent sickness. He is again on the street but will not be able to take his work for some time yet.

Lucy M. Hayes is again in charge of her school at the lower primary.

Judge C. F. Whitman will deliver the Memorial Day address at East Stoneham this year, before Geo. F. Leppein Post, G. A. R., and they will enjoy a first class speech—sure.

Permit was granted for an extension of the Eastern Telephone line over Pike Hill to the F. S. Pike and S. H. Millett neighborhood. There was no opposition at the meeting Saturday.

Editor Sanborn, F. H. Noyes and W. C. Leavitt enjoyed their annual outing at Ketchum last week. The fishing was excellent.

Mrs. V. M. Whitman of Lynn, Mass., is stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dinsmore, for a few weeks.

Lewis P. Bartlett of Lynn, of the shoe firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., made a short visit to the Norway factories this week during A. Frank Marston's absence in Chicago on a business trip.

Base Ball.

PARIS HIGH VS. BRYANT'S POND.

One look into the faces of the High School boys when they returned from Bryant's Pond Saturday afternoon was all that was needed to tell that they were victorious. The game was fairly interesting up to the sixth inning, when Paris scored 9 runs, giving them a lead of 14 to 2. Paris added 4 more runs in the last three innings but Bryant's Pond were unable to score again, Paris thus winning by the decisive score of 18 to 2.

The High School boys continue to win their games, although they have had more hard luck in having players injured and obliged to stay out of the game on account of sickness than in many previous seasons. The last one to be injured was Cole, who has been pitching fine ball for the team. He has injured his elbow so that he will probably be unable to pitch again this season, although he will be able to play some of the other infield positions.

Captain Fifield went into the box and pitched a nice game, striking out six men, allowing only seven hits and not giving a base on balls. Berry took his place at third and played well, while Cole played second base. The feature of the game was the batting of the whole Paris team, every man securing 2 base hits, while three men made 3 hits apiece, Clifford leading with a batting average of 600 for the game. The score was as follows:

PARIS.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Briggs, 1-b	6	0	3	8	1	1
Fletcher, c	6	2	2	6	1	0
Berry, 3-b	6	2	3	2	0	0
Cole, 2-b	5	2	2	5	2	0
Fifield, p	5	2	2	1	4	1
Clifford, s.s	5	3	3	0	1	2
Monk, c.f	5	1	2	1	0	0
Penfold, r.f	4	3	2	3	0	0
Record, l.f	4	3	2	1	0	0
Totals,	46	18	21	27	9	4

BRYANT'S POND.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
W. Farnum, 1-b	4	0	0	9	0	0
Dan Hayes, p	4	1	1	3	1	1
C. Cole, 2-b	3	0	1	4	2	1
H. Billings, 3-b., p	4	1	1	1	2	1
F. C. Hill, s.s	4	0	2	0	0	1
D. Bryant, c.f	4	0	1	3	0	1
Dave Hayes, l.f	4	0	0	1	2	0
McNally, r.f	4	0	1	2	0	0
Davis, c	4	0	0	4	4	0
Totals,	35	2	7	27	11	5

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9—Total.
P. H. S.	0	2	1	0	2	9	1	3	0—18
Bryant's Pond,	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0— 2

Hit by pitched ball, by Fifield, C. Cole. First base on balls off Hayes, 4. Double plays, Fifield to Cole, Briggs. Struck out by Fifield 6; Dan Hayes 1; Billings 2. Two-base hits, Briggs, Billings. Umpire, Briggs. Scorer, Clark.

A close game between West Paris and Oxford at West Paris Saturday afternoon was won by the home team in the thirteenth inning. The score:

WEST PARIS.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Bowker, 3-b	7	3	4	3	5	0
Farnum, 2-b	7	2	2	3	4	2
Howe, c	4	0	0	12	2	0
Shaw, p	6	0	2	0	3	0
J. Farnum, l.f	6	0	0	2	1	0
Davis, 1-b	6	0	2	15	0	0
Emery, r.f	4	0	0	1	0	0
Day, s.s	6	0	1	2	6	1
Bacon, c.f	5	0	0	1	0	0
Totals,	51	5	11	39	21	3

OXFORD.

	A.B.	R.	B.H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Pike, 1-b	7	0	2	10	0	0
Lanigan, s.s	7	0	0	0	2	1
Adams, p	6	1	4	1	5	0
Bearce, c	6	1	0	12	1	0
Colton, l.f	6	1	2	2	1	0
Bowie, c.f	6	0	1	2	0	0
Fuller, r.f	6	1	1	3	0	0
Stone, 3-b	5	0	3	4	1	2
Estes, 2-b	6	0	1	3	3	0
Totals,	55	4	14	*37	13	3

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13—Total
West Paris,	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—5
Oxford,	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0—4

2-base hits, Shaw and Pike. Struck out by Shaw 9, by Adams 13. Hit by pitched ball, Emery 2, Rowe, Stone. Umpire, Barker. Scorers, Davis and Ridlon.

*Winning run made with one out.

The sled factory team defeated the Norway shoe shop team 11 to 0 at the Perry field Saturday afternoon.

At Hebron Saturday Hebron Academy won a game from Bridgton Academy, score 9 to 3.

Buttermilk

for pigs for sale at Creamery. One cent per gallon. South Paris, Me.

Wanted.

A few young hens, Leghorns or Minorcas preferred.
T. M. DAVIS, South Paris, Me.

NOTICE.

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South Paris, May 16th, 1904.

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THE PUZZLER

No. 107.—Metagram.

1. To wander aimlessly. 2. A small creek or bay. 3. A bird distinguished for gentleness. 4. To change the place of a person or thing. 5. Part of a verb which means to make cloth. 6. Fondness.

No. 108.—Pictorial Medley.

The name of a bird is represented in the picture.—New York Tribune.

No. 109.—Primal Acrostic.

Primals name an early spring wild flower.

1. A garden plant. 2. A fragrant and aromatic plant. 3. A rush growing in water. 4. Like a grape. 5. An East Indian plant used for dyeing. 6. A collection of small flowers in a head. 7. The lilac; also the mock orange.

No. 110.—Charade.

My FIRST is but a base deceit;
My SECOND's hard and flinty;
My WHOLE was brought from overseas
By Patrick O. McGinty.

No. 111.—Double Beheadings.

The initial letters of the words before beheading will spell the name of a very famous personage.

1. Doubly behead to chide sharply and leave aged. 2. Doubly behead high estimation and leave a conjunction. 3. Doubly behead a kind of small type and leave devoured. 4. Doubly behead the Mohammedan Bible and leave raced. 5. Doubly behead passages out of a place and leave a possessive pronoun. 6. Doubly behead a fish and leave a place of refuge. 7. Doubly behead value and leave a form of water. 8. Doubly behead the after song and leave a lyric poem. 9. Doubly behead to dress and leave a line of light. 10. Doubly behead an inhabitant of Rome and leave a human being. 11. Doubly behead a masculine name and leave to conquer.

No. 112.—Diamond.

1. A letter. 2. Reverential fear. 3. A knavish fellow. 4. A bird. 5. Surname of a well known writer. 6. At this time. 7. A letter.

No. 113.—Divided Word.

His 1-2-3-4-5-6-7's enough to bewitch. Is he a Whig 1-2 3 4-5-6-7, which?

No. 114.—Crossword.

In able, not in must;
In fresh, not in rust;
In blue, not in black;
In strength, not in lack;
In peach, not in fruit;
In noisy, not in mute;
In livery, not in coach;
In scramble, not in poach;
In current, not in shoal.
A composer of music is my whole.

No. 115.—Triangle.

1. A marked feature or peculiarity. 2. A float of timber. 3. Astern. 4. A pronoun. 5. A letter.

No. 116.—Anagram.

I'll tell you the truth,
I ****** to raise
The ****** of ******,
Which all people ******.

When the first blank is rightly filled the letters of the word may be rearranged to fill the other blanks.

No. 117.—Geographical Puzzles.

Name a city that is a modern recreation.

Name a country that describes a man who wants food.

Not to Be Imposed Upon.

Waiter—We have some fine green turtle soup.

Customer—Ah, go and fetch me something ripe. I don't want anything green.

Why Not?

"If you refuse me I shall never love another woman."

"Does that promise stand good if I accept you?"

Key to the Puzzler.

No. 99.—Geographical Jumble: Madagascar. Cairo. Medina.

No. 100.—Charade: Cast-or.

No. 101.—Arithmograph: Disraeli.

No. 102.—Connected Word Squares:

H	A	I	L		M	A	K	E
A	N	N	A		A	D	I	T
I	N	N	S		K	I	L	T
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			I	D	O	L			
			M	O	S	S			
F	O	R	E	L	S	A	T	O	M
O	V	A	L		T	I	M	E	
R	A	G	S		O	M	I	T	
E	L	S	E		M	E	T	E	

No. 103.—Song Symbol: Starlight music.

No. 104.—Beheaded Words: G-astronomer. D-apple.

No. 105.—Transpositions: Wreathe, weather. Hater, earth.

No. 106.—Additions: Bang-or. Meteor. Clam-or.

LADIES AND CHILDREN

who cannot stand the shocking strain of laxative syrups and cathartic pills are especially fond of Little Early Risers. All persons who find it necessary to take a liver medicine should try these easy pills, and compare the agreeably pleasant and strengthening effect with the nauseating and weakening conditions following the use of other remedies. Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache, jaundice, malaria and liver troubles. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

The decorator had just made his estimate. "I'll tell you what I'll do," said the householder. "You go ahead and decorate the house, and then I'll give it to you in payment of your bill." "No," replied the decorator. "I couldn't afford to take the house for more than half payment."

WHEN THE SAP RISES.

Weak lungs should be careful. Coughs and colds are dangerous then. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs and colds and gives strength to the lungs. Mrs. G. E. Fenner, of Marion, Ind., says, "I suffered with a cough until I run down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

"An abstract noun," said the teacher of the juvenile grammar class, "is the name of something you can think of but cannot touch. Now, Harry, can you give an example?"

"Yes, ma'am; a red-hot poker," promptly answered the boy.

HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, Paris, Maine.

Recipes.

GRAHAM WAFERS.

Mix one cup of Graham flour, one cup of white flour, one saltspoon of salt, one tablespoon of sugar and one tablespoon of butter creamed together. Mix with cold water to a stiff dough, roll out very thin, and cut in squares; or if that does not please you, try this:

Mix one cup of cream, sweet or sour, with one-fourth cup of sugar and one-fourth teaspoon of salt, then stir in whole wheat meal until there is a stiff dough. Knead until smooth and roll out thin. Bake on ungreased tins. Do not add soda, for the sugar will sweeten even the sour cream sufficiently.

PARSNIP STEW.

Clean and scrape the rind of one-fourth pound of fat salt pork. Put it on to boil in two quarts of cold water. Put with it any remnants of cold roast pork or pork chops which you may have, first removing any burned parts; or you may use one pound of fresh uncooked pork, if you prefer. After it has cooked for an hour skim off the fat. Wash and scrape two large parsnips, cut them in inch slices and add them to the stew, and also one onion sliced. Half an hour before dinner add four or five potatoes pared, sliced, and parboiled five minutes. When done skim out the meat and vegetables, thicken the liquor with flour and water, add more salt and pepper, and cook at least ten minutes longer, then pour it over the meat and vegetables and serve all in a deep dish.

HONEY GINGERBREAD.

Warm a generous half cup of butter and beat into it two cups of strained honey. When you have a light cream beat in one tablespoon of powdered sugar, a tablespoon of ginger and one-half teaspoon of cinnamon. Add the beaten yolks of four eggs, and alternately with the frothed whites, three even cups of flour sifted twice with one teaspoon of baking powder. Beat hard for one minute and bake in buttered shallow pans for forty-five minutes. Keep covered for thirty minutes.

BLACK BEAN SOUP.

Soak one cup of black beans over night. Next morning drain off the water and put them on to boil in one quart of cold water. Fry one large slice of onion in one tablespoon of butter until slightly colored and put it and a stalk of celery or a bit of the root with the beans. Let them simmer until very soft, adding more cold water occasionally to check the boiling and help soften the beans. When soft turn them into a puree strainer and rub the pulp through. Put them over the fire again and when boiling add one cup of white sauce made with one tablespoon of butter and one of flour cooked together and thinned with one cup of hot milk. Season with salt, paprika, a bit of mustard if you like, and, after turning into the tureen, add three or four slices of lemon, and one hard-boiled egg. Serve with croutons of brown bread.

FRIED SMELTS.

Beat one egg slightly and add one tablespoon of milk. Clean the smelts and wipe with a bit of cloth wrung out of cold water; roll them in meal or fine bread crumbs which have been seasoned with salt and pepper; then dip in the egg, and then roll in the crumbs again. When all are done, let them stand a while, and when ready to fry, if they seem moist, roll them in the crumbs once more. Fry them in deep hot fat, which is hot enough to brown a bit of bread while counting 40. Put in only a few at a time, and cook from three to five minutes; drain well on soft paper and serve with sauce tartar. They may be skewered with the tail in the mouth, or around the neck, or like the letter S.

CARAMEL PUDDING.

Put one-half cup of sugar in an omelet pan over the fire, and, as it melts, stir it well. When light brown and liquid add two tablespoons of water and pour into one quart of hot milk. Add two well-beaten eggs, one-half teaspoon of salt, two tablespoons of melted butter and one pint of soft white bread crumbled finely. Let it stand half an hour, stirring often, then turn into a well buttered pudding dish and bake about half an hour. Serve with caramel sauce.

CARAMEL SAUCE.

Put one-half cup of sugar in an omelette pan and stir over the fire till melted and light brown. Add one-half cup of boiling water and simmer ten minutes. Sometimes it is an improvement to add a slight thickening of cornstarch or arrow-root and one tablespoon of butter if the pudding is not very rich.

SWISS EGGS.

Spread a granite or earthen pie plate thickly with cold butter, and cover the surface with thin slices of cheese. Break four eggs (or more if the plate will hold them) separately into a cup, and carefully drop them on to the cheese, being careful to keep the yolks whole. Sprinkle the eggs with salt and white pepper, and then cover with grated cheese. Put into a hot oven and cook quickly until the cheese melts and the white of the egg is firm. Have ready some minced parsley, and sprinkle it over the top and serve at once. Pass hot buttered toast with the eggs.

SWEDISH BEEF BROTH.

Two and one-half pounds of chuck rib cut in small pieces, one large carrot sliced, one large onion sliced, three cloves, one rounded tablespoon of pearl tapioca, one heaped tablespoon of bread crumbs, one tablespoon of vinegar, one-eighth of a nutmeg grated, one tablespoon of salt, a sprinkle of pepper or one-fourth of a green pepper, freed from seeds and cut small, and one can of peas. Pack it all in a stone jar in layers, cover with cold water, cover the jar tightly and cook it in a moderate oven about five hours. This is a delicious variation from the common beef stew. The tapioca and bread crumbs thicken the broth sufficiently, the carrot and peas are an agreeable change from the usual potato, the green pepper gives an agreeable pungent flavor, and the long, slow cooking insures tenderness of fiber.

DATES STUFFED WITH MARSHMALLOWS.

Cut marshmallows in thirds, using both the pink and white varieties. Pick off the scale and wipe the dates, remove the stone and insert in its place a piece of the marshmallow. Press together, letting a line of the white or pink show, and roll them in powdered sugar.

CORNSTARCH PUDDING WITH FIGS.

Put one quart of milk on to boil in a double boiler, mix two rounded tablespoons of cornstarch, one-half cup of sugar and one-half teaspoon of salt and moisten it with a little cold milk. Stir it into the boiling milk and let it cook ten minutes, stirring often. Beat the yolks of four eggs until light colored and thick, and stir them into the boiling starch. As soon as well mixed remove from the fire, as the egg must be only slightly cooked. Flavor with one teaspoon of vanilla. Into a pudding dish turn about one-third of the cooked mixture, then put in a layer of steamed figs cut in small pieces, then another layer of the pudding and figs, and cover with the pudding. Beat the whites of the eggs very stiff, then beat in four rounded tablespoons of powdered sugar and two teaspoons of lemon juice. Pile it lightly over the surface of the pudding and color it a delicate brown in the oven. Let it become very cold before serving. Use the whole figs, which come in bags, and wash them in lukewarm water, and stew them in a little water or steam them until tender.

SOUR MILK CORN CAKE.

Mix one cup of flour, one-half a cup of yellow granulated meal, and one-fourth of a cup of sugar. Sift in one-half a teaspoon of salt, one-half a teaspoon of soda and mix well. Beat one egg light. Add one cup of sour milk to the flour mixture, then the egg, and one tablespoon of butter, melted, and beat thoroughly. Turn at once into a buttered pan and bake about twenty-five minutes in a hot oven.—Mrs. Lincoln in Home Science Magazine.

Housework affords physical culture quite as beneficial as that which costs more.

Her Saving Way.
(Chicago News.)

Jenkins knew by the way his wife pulled the paper from before his face and crawled into his arms that something was coming.

"Charlie, dear."

"Yes?"

"I told you about those cunning little savings banks, where you can put money of all kinds into different slots and can't possibly get it out without taking the bank down town to the big bank and having them unlock it for you."

"Yes?"

"Well, I got one."

"Good. Now see how much money you can save." He turned back to his paper.

"I'm going to. Oh, Charlie, I'm so interested! You see, you can put in all kinds of change, and there's a special slot where you roll bills up tight and push them in. I haven't put any bills in yet."

"No?"

"Charlie!"

"Yes, dear."

"When you persuaded me not to go to the theatre last Wednesday it wasn't on account of the cost, was it? Didn't you just feel that you'd rather spend the evening at home with me?"

"Certainly."

"And when I suggested supper down town after we visited the art gallery the other day, and you said it would be so much cozier to come home and have tea it wasn't on account of the money, was it, Charlie?"

"Of course not, my love."

"There! I knew it! I couldn't bear to think you were parsimonious."

He dropped the paper long enough to kiss her.

After a short silence:

"Charlie!"

"Um?"

"Will you do me a favor?"

"Of course."

"How sweet of you to consent, Charlie! Now, listen to my plan. Whenever we stay at home from anything or don't buy anything just because—well, just because we don't—you are to put the price of it in my bank. Please give it to me in bills, Charlie dear—the theatre tickets, I mean—so I can see how they go into the slot that I haven't tried yet."

The Moltke of Japan.

The Moltke of Japan—a man "whose name is rarely heard, whose face is never seen, and whose web is spinning on all sides of the Russian forces, as was that of the illustrious Danish strategist when he locked Napoleon in Sedan;" such is Gen. Fukushima, as described by Poultney Bigelow in an interesting article in the current Harper's Weekly. Mr. Bigelow met Fukushima while the latter was military attache at the German court, a few years before the Chinese-Japanese war, and he tells several anecdotes illustrating the shrewdness of the Japanese officer, who, while purposely passing himself off as of feeble mental capacity, was keenly observant of western military methods and principles, which he was supposed to be incapable of understanding. Although, says Mr. Bigelow, he spoke seven languages, he never allowed any one to suspect that he knew anything but a few scraps of German.

"Guten Morgen," would be the greeting of the German general.

Fukushima would bow politely in acknowledgement.

The general: "Tell me, my dear Fukushima, how long would it take you in Japan to mobolize an army corps and land it in Korea?"

Fukushima: "Thank you, Herr General, my health is very good!"

Russia also despised his intellect, for he was permitted to ride unmolested across Siberia, from Moscow to the Manchurian coast, counting telegraph poles and taking note of the position of bridges, wells, farms, and everything that would prove interesting to Japanese visitors who might come after him.

An Impressive Rebuke.

Dr. Seward Webb was entertaining a large shooting party at his estate in Vermont. Sport was excellent, and every evening after dinner hunting stories were told in the smoking room.

Nearly all the stories were true, but there was one guest, a young man, who pulled the long bow a little. He pulled it more than a little on one occasion, and after he had concluded a story evidently impossible, Dr. Webb took him in hand.

"In '94 I was shooting in the Rockies," said Dr. Webb. "I was after grizzlies. I trailed a grizzly to a high peak one day. I advanced toward it along the edge of a precipice three hundred feet high. Getting a good shot at last, I let drive, but missed. The big bear came for me then like lightning. I took aim again, but as I was about to fire my foot slipped, I fell, and my gun dropped from my hand and rolled over the precipice. There I lay, unarmed and helpless, and the maddened grizzly not six feet away."

Here Dr. Webb paused and lighted a cigarette.

The imaginative young man frowned impatiently.

"Well?" he said. "Well? Go on. What happened?"

Dr. Webb, looking him calmly in the eye, replied:

"The grizzly devoured me."

"I see you are wearing my old engagement ring."

"Yes; isn't it perfectly lovely to be engaged to Jack?"

"Yes, indeed! He's so deliciously serious about it, isn't he?"

HEALTHY MOTHERS.

Mothers should always keep in good bodily health. They owe it to their children. Yet it is no unusual sight to see a mother, with babe in arms, coughing violently and exhibiting all the symptoms of a consumptive tendency. And why should this dangerous condition exist, dangerous alike to mother and child, when Dr. Boschee's German Syrup would put a stop to it at once? No mother should be without this old and tried remedy in the house—for its timely use will promptly cure any lung, throat or bronchial trouble in herself or her children. The worst cough or cold can be speedily cured by German Syrup; so can hoarseness and congestion of the bronchial tubes. It makes expectoration easy, and gives instant relief and refreshing rest to the cough-racked consumptive. New trial bottles, 25 cents; large size, 75 cents. For sale by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Ted—"She said she'd scream if I kissed her."

Ned—"That shouldn't have prevented you. If you kiss a girl properly she can't scream."

A CURE FOR PILES.

"I had a bad case of piles," says G. F. Carter of Atlanta, Ga., "and consulted a physician who advised me to try a box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. I purchased a box and was entirely cured. It is splendid for piles giving relief instantly, and I heartily recommend it to all sufferers." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled for its healing qualities. Eczema and other skin diseases, also sores, cuts, burns and wounds of every kind are quickly cured by it. Sold by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Mrs. Justwed—My dear, when we were engaged I always slept with your last letter under my pillow. Justwed—And I, too, darling often went to sleep over your letters.

Exposure to a sudden climatic change produces cold in the head and catarrh is apt to follow. Provided with Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh. Price 50 cents at Druggists or Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation, cleanses and cures. Cream Balm quickly cures the cold.

"Well!" he muttered, butting his head on a landing as he fell down the elevator shaft. "As Mr. Kipling would say: 'That is another story.'"

F. A. Shurtleff & Co. do not hesitate to recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to their friends and customers. Indigestion causes more ill health than anything else. It deranges the stomach, and brings on all manner of disease. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat, cures indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach disorders. Kodol is not only a perfect digestant but a tissue building tonic as well. Renewed health, perfect strength and increased vitality follow its use.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Monkey Artist

One day the Monk his camera
Into the jungle took
To get some photographs to paste
Within his picture book.

He took the Lion and the Lamb
Together at their tea,
Both eating from a pot of jam,
As here you plainly see.

BOTH EATING FROM A POT OF JAM.

He took the Elephant, who played
The part of circus clown,
There standing in the jungle shade
On his head upside down.

He took the Snake, who juggled plates
Upon his tail, you know.
He took some other funny things
We haven't room to show.

—Atlanta Constitution.

One on the Professor.

Once upon a time Professor Wilson of Edinburgh wrote on the blackboard in his laboratory:

"Professor Wilson informs his students that he has this day been appointed honorary physician to the queen."

In the course of the morning he had occasion to leave the room, and found on his return that a student had added to the announcement the words:

"God save the queen."—London Sketch.

Shocked His Nation.

A somewhat striking story dealing with the now obsolete conventional suicide, "harikiri" or "happy dispatch," once common in Japan, is told by the French Admiral Gourdon. When he was a young man he had a comrade who, having assisted in the organizing of the Japanese navy, was subsequently raised to the rank of admiral in that force. He took the part of the tycoon against the mikado in the revolutionary war and, having been captured, was tried by court martial and sentenced to death, which in those days implied "harikiri." When, however, the fatal sword was presented to him he flatly refused to kill himself and declared that if he was to die somebody else must kill him. Threats and entreaties alike proved unavailing. He resolutely refused. The whole of Japan was scandalized at such immoral behavior, which, however, saved his life. The Japanese penal code had never contemplated such a contingency as a man inhuman enough to refuse the "harikiri," and in the end he was banished from the country and returned to France.—St. James Gazette.

Your Shadow.

"May your shadow never grow less" or "be less." That is a familiar salutation. The origin is dim, but may be as follows: When persons have made certain progress in the black arts they are compelled to run through a subterranean hall, with the evil one after them. If they run so fast that his Satanic majesty can catch only their shadow or part of it they become first rate magicians, but lose either all or part of their shadow. The expression means: May you escape wholly and entirely from the clutches of the foul fiend.

It is well known that after a man reaches the age of about fifty-five his stature grows shorter; therefore his shadow must be less. To say, "May your shadow never grow less," means, "May you never grow older."—New York Press.

The Name of London.

The old name for the city of London was Lynden or Llynden, meaning "the city by the lake." An old tradition gives us to understand that London was founded by Brute, a descendant of Æneas, and that it was first called New Troy or Troynovant. In the time of Lud it was surrounded by a wall and was then known as Lud's Town, or Cær-Lud. This latter is probably the correct version of the origin of the name of London if for no other reason because it is such an easy matter to detect a similarity between the expressions London and Lud's Town. It is claimed by some writers that there was a city on the present site of London in the year 1107 B. C., and it is known that the Romans founded a city there and called it Londinium in the year 61 A. D.

Queen Bess' Wardrobe.

Royal annals have never recorded a more varied and extensive wardrobe than that which belonged to the "virgin queen." Even at the age of sixty-eight, when she might be supposed to have outlived her youthful vanity, she possessed 99 complete official costumes, 102 French gowns, 100 robes with trains and 67 without, 126 antique dresses, 136 bodices, 125 tunics, not to mention such trifles as 96 mantles, 85 dressing gowns and 27 fans.

It is possible that she had an ugly foot, for she possessed only nine pairs of shoes, which, considering her extravagances in other articles of apparel, must have some meaning. At her death 3,000 articles were found duly catalogued in her wardrobe which had adorned her proud person.

He Didn't Like Her.

"Look here," said the sour faced lady who had answered his "personal," "your ad. is a fake. It distinctly stated, 'Object, matrimony.'"

"Well—er—um—you see," faltered the man nervously, "there was some mistake. The printer omitted a word. The ad. should have read, 'Object to matrimony.'"—Town Topics.

Very Near It.

The teacher told Elsie to name the large bodies of water. She had been absent the day before and hadn't learned the definition of a sound. She thought she remembered the name, and she recited, "Oceans, bays, gulf, straits and—and noises."

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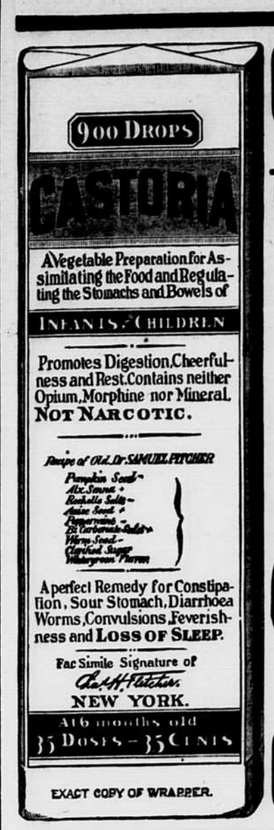

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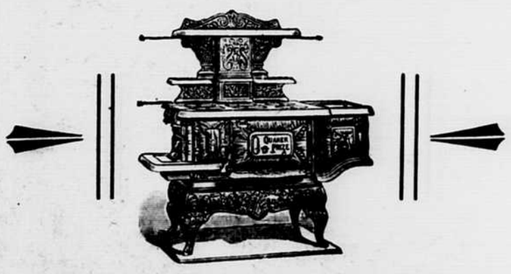

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